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In the afternoon Halsey walked over to the parsonage, hoping to have a chat with Orient. Instead of this the doctor received him in his study and talked divinity until Halsey was in a cold perspiration. It was only by the sharpest exercise of his faculties and by constant deference to his senior's opinions upon all points of dogma that he escaped suspicion.

After an hour of this ordeal Halsey issued from the study, feeling that he had undergone the horrors of the inquisition. All sport had vanished from the situation; he was a guilty criminal who had baffled his detectives momentarily, but who would be surely dragged down sooner or later, and that without mercy. He caught a glimpse of his face in the mirror in the hall hatrack and was startled by its haggard expression. He had taken his walking stick, when a burst of song floated out from the drawing room. It was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," sung to Abt's sweetest of melodies. The doctor laid a detaining hand upon his arm.

"It is our family custom to spend the Sabbath afternoon in a service of song; will you not join us?"

"I do not sing," Halsey replied, "but it would be a privilege to listen." He took a seat near the door; his entrance was so noiseless that the young girl seated at the piano did not heed it. She sang on, hymn after hymn, and a great healing balm swept over his tortured nerves. "Flee like a bird to the mountain," brought the sharp tears to his eyes, for was he not "weary of sin," weary of this miserable subterfuge and refuge of his? Had they been alone, he could have risen and throwing himself upon her mercy, have confessed everything; but the good doctor sat there, beneficent and unsuspecting; and when his niece rose at the close of the hymn and regarded him for the first time, he could only thank her in a choked voice.

"I am a wretch," he said to himself, as he strode along the country road, a little later, striking vindictively at the tall mullein stalks with his cane. "No punishment is too bad for me, and I have brought upon myself the sharpest retribution that man can suffer—that of turning away from the woman he loves, without making an effort to win her."

The deacon met him at a little distance from his own gate. He had evidently walked out to meet him. "You have made a tremendous hit," he said, rubbing his hands gleefully; "there'll be an outpouring to-night, such as Ramoth Gilead has never known. The people are beginning to gather already. The shed is e'en almost full of vehicles (he pronounced the word "ve-hic-les"), and mother, she's anxious as can be for fear you won't get a good cup of tea before preaching time. Brother Slocumbe and I have decided to call a business meeting of the parish for to-morrow morning, so that you can have our decision before you go. There's a train that leaves in the afternoon, and you must stay over for that."

"I don't think I can," Halsey replied. "I had planned to leave by the early morning one."

"That won't do at all," replied the deacon. "Folks are set on coming to-morrow and bringing their lunches, and having a real fellowship meeting, and hearing you once again, and you mustn't disappoint them. There's that limb of a Job Johnson ringing that bell for service, and it lacks a minute and a half of the time, and you haven't e't but one waffle."

Halsey rose from the table, hurried to his room, and turned over his notebook. Here was Rev. Joseph Cook's conversion of German metaphysics into Christian apologetics. No one would understand this but the Misses Pearce who had been to Concord. They would expect him to wait upon them at their home after service, and discuss philosophy with them, and if there was one thing which he was more determined upon to escape than another, it was this knight errantry of the smoky lantern. He turned over the leaves of his note books rapidly. Here were sermons by Chancellor Crosby and Bishop Coxe, by the incumbent of the "Little Church round the Corner" and by Andrew Jackson Davis. Here was one preached by Evangelist Moody in Madison Square Garden, and others by young Mr. Spurgeon at the Academy of Music, and Rabbi Gottheil at the synagogue. "I cannot bear to please them any further," he said to himself. "This farce must end at once, and I will end it with my own hand." He deliberately selected a sermon by the Rev. R. Heber Newton, which had drawn upon that gentleman the anathemas of his brother clergymen.

"There," he thought, "I shall now be denounced as heretical both by the doctor and his niece. I have had the grace to cut my own throat." It was characteristic of the troubled state of his mind that he had come to consider his own interests at stake and had quite forgotten how those of his friend Steele would be affected by his action. The deacon and his wife had left. The bell had ceased tolling, and aware that he was late, Halsey hurried along the now deserted road. He had nearly reached the church when he overtook Orient, who was walking rapidly alone, without a hat, but with a shawl of China crepe thrown over her head and shoulders in a way that reminded him of the graceful draperies of the Greeks or the veils of eastern women. They were both surprised, but she recovered first. "Uncle felt ill after supper," she said, "and I walked over alone."

"I am glad I overtook you," he replied; "you must let me see you home after service."

"It is not far, and I am not afraid, but I'm glad that I happened to meet you, for I have not had an opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed your sermon. When I think that you were a blacksmith's apprentice, and then consider what you have made of yourself, I cannot help admiring your genius. Yes, you must let me call it so. That description which you gave us last night of the Jericho road was nothing less. Uncle said so as we rode home. He said it was fully equal to some things of Mr. Beecher's, and I am sure that it is a great compliment for a young man. Then what opportunities you have had! I was born in Smyrna, while my parents were spending a year abroad, but they brought me home a baby with only my name as a souvenir of my Old World birth. But I have always been wild to return to live in some one of those Eastern countries which you have visited. I hope you will tell us more about them to-night."

"Orient," said Halsey, in his desperation, for the first time venturing to use her name, "I am a wretch, unworthy to speak to you, and too cowardly to confess the whole truth, for if I did you would spurn me, and I could not bear that."

They had reached the church door. Orient could not reply, but she gave him her hand with a look which said, "I believe in you, in spite of yourself."

Halsey hardly knew what he said; he spoke vehemently, crushing his own heart and taking a savage delight in the idea that he was destroying his prospects. It was only a poor atonement, but it was something. He strode down the aisle after service, hardly recognizing those who pressed forward to speak to him. He informed the deacon mendaciously that there was a matter upon which it was necessary for him to speak with the doctor that night, and brushing by the elder Miss Pearce, who was holding her lantern with a meek air of expectation, he waited among the young men who were grouped by the steps for the appearance of Orient. The lamplight was reflected from her silken shawl, and it seemed to him with a radiance like that from an angel's wing. The young men made way for her to pass, and Halsey drew her arm within his own. "I shall bear my condemnation from her lips," he thought, and he braced himself mentally to endure it, with the assurance that whatever her blame it would be less than his desert. He was silent and she did not speak until they had left all companions and turned into the lane leading to the parsonage; then she said: "I understand what you said to me before church now, and I honor the man who has the courage to stand by his own conviction, even in the face of certain rejection and the ruin of his worldly prospects. It was grand to see you standing there and avowing views which could not agree with those of your congregation. You reminded me of the young confessors before the Roman tribunals in the time of the first persecutions. And I want you to know that whatever may be the action of the church upon the morrow, I admire you and respect you with all my heart."

Halsey's heart gave a bound. This young girl loved him; he was sure of it, and everything else went for nothing. What was the part he had played? Nothing. And before he realized what he was doing he had told her that her good opinion was more to him than that of all the world beside; that with her love he could face contumely and scorn, let it come from whatever quarter, and it seemed to him as he spoke that he was really a martyr for the truth, instead of the poltroon which he had called himself a few moments before. If she would only respond with a like assurance he could make a clean breast of everything. But Orient only replied reassuringly that there would be no contumely, and that even if Ramoth Gilead did not give him a call, her father's opinion of him would not be lessened. "He has a great deal of influence with the board," she added, "and he has some nice appointment in view for you. He wanted me to come up here on purpose to hear you preach, and he was very curious for me to give him my opinion of you. He seemed to think that you were still an invalid, and he will be glad to know that you are so strong. I suppose it was your sea voyage and foreign travel that benefited you."

A deadly certainty grew upon Halsey's mind. He had never heard Orient's family name mentioned, but he was sure now that this was Dr. Corcoran's daughter, and that he had supplanted his friend. He was not prepared for this, and he tried to put the conviction from him—to believe that it was not so. "Orient," he said, as the clock struck, "can you believe that we have actually been acquainted only twenty-five hours and about the same number of minutes?"

"Oh, it cannot be possible," she exclaimed; "what an imprudently short acquaintance to become engaged upon. But I know your whole life from the time you were a blacksmith's boy to the present, and all your wanderings in Palestine." Halsey winced, but did not interrupt her. "And father knows you so thoroughly and respects you so highly, and both he and mother have talked to me so much about you. When I came back to my room it was full of reminders of your presence. That explanation of the unpardonable sin which you left on my desk was a masterly piece of reasoning. And all the notes which you made in my books were interesting to me, though I confess that I was indignant enough at first to think that you had read my silly jottings. I was not so prim as I seemed to be when I declined corresponding with you, for I was secretly pleased that you had learned to care for me in such an odd way. Oh! indeed I assure you that I would never have fallen in love with you in this disgracefully precipitate way without that long mental preparation."

Clearly it was no time now for Halsey to explain that he had no connection with the past she treasured. He accepted the situation recklessly, with all the advantages which it conferred upon him. "So the actual does not come up to your ideal?" he asked.

"You are very different," she replied, musingly, "not a bit as I had imagined you. You are very worldly looking. I never would have thought you a minister if I had met you anywhere else; but then you are handsomer than I expected, and so wonderfully talented. I am proud to think you should care for little me. And I, no doubt, am very different from what you imagined. Are you greatly disappointed?"

Of course Halsey protested that he was not, and he parted from her at the parsonage gate with many assurances of his devotion; and, however false their relations to each other, these at least were genuine.

III.

Halsey sat thinking deeply far into the night. He reviewed every possible plan for avoiding confession and for keeping up his assumed character, but he saw that this was impossible. Orient had told him that she was to return home upon the morrow, and he had agreed to accompany her. On the journey the explanation must be made. Every moment of delay made it more difficult, and he bitterly regretted that he had not been more honest with her. However, to have firmly made up his mind to throw off the mask was something of a relief and he awoke the next morning with a hopeful feeling, and his usual confidence that some way things would come out right.

As he was not to lay aside his role during the morning, he determined to deepen the good impression which he had made upon Orient, and to select the sermon which he was to preach before the fellowship meeting solely with reference to her tastes. He hesitated some time between "Buddha and his Philosophy of Despair," a discourse of Dr. Newman's, and "The Parables of the Talmud," by the Rev. Charles Eaton, but finally settled upon the first as more complimentary to her intellect. He was a little disturbed to notice, on taking his place in the pulpit, that Orient was not in the choir, the eldest Miss Pearce occupying her place at the organ. All through the sermon he kept his eyes fixed upon the door, hoping to see her enter, but only to be disappointed. He knew, too, from the strong stare with which his hearers confronted him, that his audience did not care a penny for Buddha or the religion of India. Only Miss Pearce seemed in in the least interested, for she had just read "Mr. Isaacs," and had, beside, her reputation as a philosopher at stake. The business meeting was called immediately after the sermon, and Halsey, leaving it to its deliberations as to his eligibility, hurried over to the parsonage. He was informed by the servant that Miss Corcoran had left town on the noon train. He was struck with sudden apprehension.

"I understood that she was going on the afternoon train."

The servant believed that she did intend to do so, but had changed her mind. Halsey next asked after the doctor. He had driven his niece over to the station and had not yet returned; he would come soon; would not the gentleman wait? Halsey concluded that he would do so and was shown into the doctor's study. A volume of sermons by Henry Ward Beecher lay upon the desk, open to the very one which he had abridged for his prayer meeting talk. The doctor had evidently looked it up from a haunting suspicion that its resemblance to Beecher's style was not entirely accidental. Orient's sudden leave taking was explained; she had found this, and it was enough. She did not wish to see him again. He rose quickly and left the house, not caring to face the doctor now. He walked across the fields to the deacon's house. It was deserted, for the discussion over his case was very warm and the meeting not yet over. He sat down and wrote an impassioned letter to Orient, making a clean breast of everything and begging her mercy. As he sealed it he noticed that the congregation were dispersing, and the deacon soon after entered the room.

"I'm powerful sorry," he said, "but there was a good deal of feelin', and the motion to give you a call was lost. You see your sermon yesterday evenin' wasn't considered quite orthodox."

Halsey wrote the doctor an explanation for the sake of his friend's good name, but he did not feel obliged to confess to the deacon, who conveyed him to the station, and was profuse in his regret over the vote of the church. At the station he mailed his letter to Orient, and returned to his friend Steele, whom he found in a much more hopeful state. The fever had been broken, but he was very weak. "You must help us keep his mind in a cheerful, calm condition," the local doctor said to Halsey, before he went up to his room. When Andrew Steele inquired about his friend's experience at Ramoth Gilead, Halsey told him that he had explained the state of affairs to the pastor and had simply read three sermons; that of course under the circumstances there could be no call to the pastorate, nor did he see how his interests could be affected very much even though Dr. Corcoran must understand that his health was not in so favorable a state as he could wish.

"I made the best of everything," Halsey assured his friend; "it is only a little longer waiting, and they will be willing enough to do that."

"Thank you," Andrew Steele murmured, and closing his eyes he slept as peacefully as a child. When he awoke his mother handed him a letter. "You look as if you were able to read it," she said, "and I suspect it is from your friends, the Corcorans."

It was from Orient; the young man recognized the graceful script at once, though he had only received one letter from her. He opened it with trembling eagerness. But what did it mean? She had always imagined him the sole of honor. She had loved him for his goodness and unworldliness; it was hard to give up her ideal of him, but now everything was changed. No explanation on either side was necessary, he must understand, and she could not forgive.

"Believe me," she wrote, "that my own unhappiness is greater than any you can suffer. To have cherished an ideal as I have done, and allowing to cluster about it all that was holiest and tenderest in my thought is not a slight thing. The discovery that I have been utterly mistaken has given me a shock from which I shall never recover. I have been in a dream and the awakening has been cruel. I only hope that I shall never hear of you again as occupying the sacred desk. For me at least and against love you have committed the unpardonable sin."

Andrew Steele lay dazed. His mind was in too weak a condition for him to connect his friend's readings at Ramoth Gilead with this letter. It was as if he had received a heavy blow upon the head. He lay stunned a long time, but when Halsey came in he had arisen from his bed and was preaching wildly to an imaginary congregation on the sin that hath never forgiveness. Halsey led him to his bed and compelled him to lie down. Then he noticed the letter, read and concealed it. He saw that it was mailed from a way station and had been written on the train, and therefore before Orient had received his letter of confession. Why had he delayed making it when he was with her? All regret was useless now. He laid his hand on his friend's pulse. He had no fear, and his hopes rose, but he was wildly delirious and incoherent, and the mother seriously alarmed by this new turn in her son's condition, which had been pronounced as very encouraging when the physician last called. "I think we had better summon Dr. Corcoran," she said at length; "he understands Andrew's case and cured him once before."

Halsey telegraphed at once, and anxiously awaited the doctor's coming at the country station. The train paused and two passengers alighted. That portly gentleman with the gray whiskers he knew must be Dr. Corcoran, and—Orient had come with him. He stepped up quickly, a great delight showing through the humiliation which crimsoned his face, but Orient forestalled any explanation.

"So," she exclaimed, a fine fire flashing from her indignant eyes, "this was a piece of deception like the rest, and you are not ill with brain fever. I might have suspected as much." She wheeled about and was walking rapidly from him when her father laid his hand upon her arm.

"Orient," he said, "I thought it was Andrew Steele who was ill."

"Who, then, is this impostor?" she asked, scornfully.

"Did you not receive my letter?" Halsey asked, humbly. "It is true that you have been deceived, but not by Andrew Steele." And once more he made his miserable confession.

Orient regarded him with keen, merciless eyes. "I do not see why you should tell me this if it is not true," she said; "it certainly is not complimentary to yourself." She did not speak to him again on their way to the house, and they all entered Andrew Steele's room together.

He was reading from an open Bible, and looked up vacantly, repeating: "Lest by any means when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway."

Orient stepped firmly to his side, and taking Andrew Steele's hands in both of hers, she said simply: "I have made a great mistake. I have learned that I had no cause to write you the letter which pained you. I am Orient Corcoran. Can you forgive me?"

Andrew Steele regarded her with an uncomprehending, expressionless stare.

Dr. Corcoron started violently, and leading Mrs. Steele aside, said to her: "This is worse than I had imagined. It is not brain fever or nervous prostration; it is insanity."

The poor woman uttered a sharp cry. "And he cannot be cured?"

"I did not say so. We will talk it over." And he called his daughter into another room for a consultation.

"They will stay all night," said Mrs. Steele to Halsey. "May I ask you to take your things to neighbor Brown's so that I can arrange your room for the young lady?"

"Yes," he replied, "if I can be of no assistance." He felt that he was set aside as a useless thing, and crushed and indignant he removed his effects. "I will see her in the morning," he said to himself; "and make one more appeal for myself," for now Orient was busy with his friend talking with him, gently and patiently trying to lead him back to the actual. Sore of heart and utterly miserable, he retired to his new room spending the greater part of the night in framing excuses and arguments which might recommend him to mercy. At last, completely worried out, he fell asleep, and, tired nature asserting her right, it was late the following morning when he awoke and saw that a traveling wagon stood before the Steeles' door, and that "his friend" was being helped into it. He hurried across the fields and saw that Dr. Corcoran held the reins while Andrew Steele, propped with cushions, occupied the back seat. Orient was bidding farewell to Mrs. Steele at the door of the house. He joined her, and taking her bag walked with her to the gate. It was only a short space, but it was his last opportunity, for they were taking his friend to their own home, intending to drive all the way by easy stages.

"Orient—Miss Cocoran," he said desperately, the words tumbling over each other in their eager utterance. "I beg of you not to walk so fast, and to listen to one word. We have heard a great deal lately about the unpardonable sin; tell me in mercy has mine been that?"

She looked up at him with eyes that were full of hope and happiness. "Father is sure that we will save him," she said; "he is confident that when we get him back to my little room, with everything arranged just as it was during his first visit, his mind will go back to that time; his life will start afresh from that point, and all this sad interim be as nothing."

They were just behind the lilac bush now, which shielded them from the view of the occupants of the carriage. "Of course I am glad to hear that there is hope for my friend," Halsey said, "but you cannot expect me to be indifferent to my own interests. Is there no space of repentance? Shall you always despise me, always think of me with detestation?"

"Oh, no," Orient replied, forcing herself to think of him for a moment, for, indeed, all her thoughts were centered on her patient. "Do not imagine for a moment that I shall cherish resentment, or remember what has happened very long, for I shall probably never meet you again; and what do I know of you? Not even your name! You were only connected with my life by this distressing experience of Mr. Steele's. You are nothing to me."

As Halsey saw the train start he was filled with bitter remorse. He thought he should always consider himself a murderer if his friend Steele should not recover his reason.

After a few days, however, he plucked up courage to call on Mrs. Steele. She received him kindly, and lifted a little of the load from his heart by telling him that her son had shown marked improvement since he arrived at Dr. Corcoran's.

Upon Halsey's return to the city he heard from his friend's mother from time to time, and at last, to his infinite relief, learned that Steele had entirely recovered his reason, and his health was otherwise much improved.

About a year afterward appeared the announcement of the marriage of Steele and Miss Corcoran, and shortly after this they sailed as missionaries to the east. No notice of the marriage, however, was sent to Halsey. He was simply ignored. But he felt that his punishment was far less than he deserved.—American Magazine.

Criticise the public schools as we please, we are all obliged to own, after investigation, that they offer to every child who enters them certain advantages which no private wealth can buy. In our cities and large towns they are, to begin with, as clean as the decks and cabins of a man of war. Every child who enters them learns, so far as the school room influence goes, habits of neatness, method, decorum and punctuality—points of training hardly to be surpassed in their importance, not only for the mental, but for the moral nature. When I enter such a school room, and come upon fifty little people marching in procession to or from their seats, obedient to a wave of a finger from the resolute youth or maiden who has them in charge, and when I reflect that all across a continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, this same process is going on, then that modest teacher's work rises into sublimity, and seems one among innumerable shuttles that are together weaving the vast web of a new generation.—"T. W. H." in Harper's Bazar.

THE RICH YOUNG RULER.

LESSON IX, INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES, FEB. 26.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. xix, 16-26. Golden Text, Matt. vi, 24—Memorize Verses 20-22—Comment by Rev. William Newton, D. D.

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Notes.—Came, i. e., out of the company around. Mark says, running. One. Luke says ruler, or member of the Sanhedrim. Master, or teacher. Enter into life, be saved from death and have everlasting life. Keep, obey or live according to. Honor, this is more than to obey, and no one word will define it. Reverence is perhaps the best. Hardly, or, it is hard for. A rich man, one that trusts in riches. Exceedingly, very much. Then, in that case, or, if that is so. This, i. e., that rich men can be saved. Impossible; possible, i. e., men cannot do this, but God can.

V. 16. Mark and Luke supply two very interesting features of this case. From one we learn that he was a ruler, i. e., a member of the Sanhedrim. From the other we learn that he came running. He was in earnest, and not afraid to have it known that he was. He was not satisfied with what the doctors of the law taught concerning this great question. He felt, he was sure, there was something more. But what was it? Where should he find the one who could lift the veil and let in the light? It would seem from the narrative that he had been following Jesus secretly, or without making himself known. He wanted to hear what this great teacher would say about it. And now, as he hears his last words, he could restrain himself no longer. He came running to Jesus, with the great question, "Good Master! what must I do that I may have eternal life?" or, "inherit eternal life?"

V. 17. Before answering his question our Lord, gently yet pointedly, rebukes him for the use of the title by which he addressed him. Why did he use it? He did not mean it. He did not mean to say that he (Jesus) was the good. For that title belongs only to one—or t God. And, as an unmeaning compliment, he could not receive it. Now this does not mean that Jesus declined a title belonging only to God; but that the young ruler himself did not mean to intimate that it so belonged to him. And therefore he could not receive it from him. Now, in our Lord's answer to the young ruler's question, we must observe that he answered from his standpoint. He occupied the ground on which he stood. His question was, "What shall I do that I may have, or inherit, eternal life?" He would have it as the result of his own doings. He proposed to work for it. He wanted to have it, as of debt, as a workingman receives his wages. And so the master replies to him, "Keep the commandments." He did not propose the difficulties of the case. He would have him ascertain these for himself. He would have him find out for himself that obedience to the law, as the price of eternal life, was a chain of many links, and if one of these was broken the chain itself was worthless. It offered no connection between the man and the object he had in view. But the young ruler did not see this. And so

V. 18-20. When he heard the Lord's answer he at once asked which of the commandments he meant. And in answer the Lord cited the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and fifth, while Mark adds the tenth. Now all these were of the second table of the law. Not a word is said about those of the first table. The young man's relation to God seems to have been entirely left out of the question. Why was this? And there seems to be no doubt about the answer. For it is manifest that our Lord meant to show how utterly hopeless his case was, even on his own chosen ground. For, if he proposed to be saved by the works of the law, or to enter into life because of obedience to the law, it must be very clear that he had obeyed the law. Now, if it were a question of obedience to man's law—i. e., if it concerned the outward act alone—it would be very easily settled. But if that "law is spiritual;" if the lustful thought is adultery and the angry thought is murder, then the case is a very different one.

The young ruler proposed to win eternal life by the deeds of the law. Now the summing up of the second table of the law is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He said he did. And Jesus replied in effect, "If you do it is very easy to prove it. You would not hesitate to part with anything you have to relieve your own wants. Now why should you hesitate to relieve the necessities of your neighbor? You would not if you loved him as you do yourself. Now, therefore, go and do it, and prove your claim is true. This was the simple issue; and one more clearly defined could not well be presented. And is that all? No. For that might spring from a motive utterly inadmissable. And so the Master adds, "and come and follow me."

V. 22. How true to the life this is. How clear the revelation it makes of the ruling power in this young ruler's heart. Doubtless he was attracted by the Master's teaching; but the glitter of his gold had a brighter luster in his eyes! Doubtless he was concerned for his eternal life. But clearly, the present had for him the greater attraction. He was in "the valley of decision," and quietly yielded to the power of the present and the seen! "He turned and went away, for he had great possessions." The present and the eternal life were weighed against each other, and the beam went down on the side of the present. Poor young man!

V. 23, 24. It is not hard to imagine the deep compassion that moved in the Master's breast, as he turned to his disciples and spoke these words. Doubtless they had seen and heard all that had passed; and he would shield them now from any wrong impressions the young ruler's example might make upon them. And if we ask for the reason underlying the declaration of the Master—or why it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God—there seems to be two reasons, i. e.:

1. Riches beget a sense of power in the holder of them. Therefore the rich man is commonly puffed up with a sense of his importance. He can do anything; and his pride erects itself even against God.

2. Riches become an object of trust to their possessor. They seem to break down the simplicity of childlike faith in God. How can he pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," when he knows that his check is good in bank and his credit high on exchange! And so he learns to "trust in riches," as the ultimate good in life. How can he enter the kingdom?

V. 25, 26. The disciples were beyond measure astonished. And to their question, who then can be saved? Jesus gave the answer, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." He alone can change the heart and bind the affections around himself as manifested in the finished work of Jesus. For when that is seen—i. e., when his love takes the heart captive—the affections drop off from earthly things and twine themselves around him, who redeemed us from this present evil world, with his own precious blood.

Rescue of the Shipwrecked.

A new plan for the rescue of shipwrecked sailors, which it is thought is a great improvement on the inventions now employed, has been proposed to Secretary Whitney by Rear Admiral Ammen. It consists of the construction of what is called a balsa, or a float. The rear admiral suggests the following method of launching them: "The head sail should be hoisted so as to bring the wind quarterly; oil bags would be thrown over from each quarter. The railing at the stern fitted for unshipping would be let down and the launching skids put in place and the balsa carried aft by eight men and lowered with four on it. Then a rough car to fit on the skids would be loaded with the helpless persons and lowered to the balsa, be received and placed, and the operation continued until the boat has her load, then she would be cast adrift, make a drag of her mast and sail, throw overboard her oil bag, and the same operation would be repeated until every one was embarked. Then they should fasten to each other in sections of fives." The balsa consists of two casks, upon which a platform is laid. In the casks are scuttles for stowing provisions. A sufficient number of them to carry a thousand people could, in the opinion of the rear admiral, be carried on a large steamer without inconvenience.—Chicago Times.

Teachers' Institute.

HELD AT MILLVILLE, FEBRUARY 11, 1888.

The Institute was called to order by H. W. Eves. Devotional exercises conducted by Prof. Grimes, and consisted of music led by J. Emory Eves, followed by Scriptural reading and prayer, after which the organization of the Institute was effected by electing Geo. W. Henrie and Annie C. Potter Secretaries.

The first exercise for the morning session was an essay by Flora Jones, "How to Teach Reading." Among the principal points given were, "to know the words, to be able to pronounce them correctly, to know their meaning standing alone, or in connection with the text."

Sadie Masters in a pointed way gave some good ideas of "How to Teach Arithmet

The Columbian.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1888.

There are rumors abroad that Gov. Hill of New York is a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination. He will find it up Hill work.

The strike in the coal regions is drawing to a close. An order was issued at Pottsville on Saturday by Master Workman Lewis for the miners in the Schuylkill regions to return to work. There is some hesitation in some quarters, but the prospects are that all will go to work in a short time.

Since Blaine has declined to be a candidate for the Presidential nomination, the Republicans have been at sea. Among others whose names have been mentioned is that of Gen Sheridan. But he says he is not a candidate, and will not accept the nomination under any circumstances. It is possible that John Sherman of Ohio may be induced to accept.

Licenses in the State.

THE SALOONS NOW DOING BUSINESS AND THE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES

There is no common date fixed throughout the State for the filing of applications for liquor licenses. The various county courts set the time to suit their own conveniences, when petitions must be presented to them. In Juniata county applications will not be filed until March 24, and the hearing thereof will not take place until April. In Fayette the hearing is fixed for the first Monday in April, and all licenses will date from the first Monday in May. In Snyder county liquor dealers have until the fourth Monday in April to present their petitions. Two applications are still pending in Cameron county.

A strong fight is being made in behalf of temperance in most of the counties, notably Erie, Chester and Dauphin. More applications were made in the latter county than ever before, but the chances are that a number of petitioners will be refused licenses. The Court has the reputation of being very rigid in its scrutiny, and among the 171 applicants this year are some who were rejected in 1887. Huntingdon has had no licenses for a year, and up to this time no applicants have presented themselves for the current year. Indiana is another strictly temperance county, although application for license has been made by a solitary brewer. His fate will be decided next month. All who applied for licenses in Montour had their requests granted. Clarion county petitions were heard last month and there was no change in the number.

The table which follows, although incomplete, will give a general idea of the number of liquor saloons and taverns now doing business in the counties and the number of applications which have already been made. The list of licenses granted, however, when the courts have considered the petitions, will no doubt show a marked decrease in the number of saloons in operation under the Brooks High License law. These figures can not be obtained until the terms have expired of all persons now holding licenses under the old regime.

	No. now in for'e.	No. of applications	Decrease.
Adams	32	18	14
Allegheny	3000	1600	1400
Armstrong	8	19	*9
Beaver	15	87	*16
Berks	469	430	39
Blair	243	180	63
Bradford	72	62	10
Butler	17	2	15
Cameron	26	24	2
Carbon	137	119	18
Centre	18	11	7
Chester	67	83	*16
Clarion	32	27	5
Clearfield	84	62	22
Clinton	66	58	8
Columbia	66	62	4
Crawford	122	91	31
Cumberland	26	41	*15
Dauphin	146	171	*25
Delaware	78	69	9
Erie	330	256	74
Fay-ette	30	68	*38
Fulton	7	6	1
Indiana	0	1	*1
Lackawanna	321	385	*64
Lancaster	301	334	27
Lawrence	13	4	9
Lebanon	104	83	21
Lycoming	117	105	12
Mifflin	18	14	4
Monroe	48	0	48
Montour	36	33	3
Northampton	345	294	51
Northumberland	108	131	*23
Perry	10	20	0
Philadelphia	5779	3428	2351
Schuylkill	894	707	117
Tioga	52	54	*2
Union	12	1	11
Warren	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
Wayne	69	53	16
York	140	125	15
*Increase.			—Press

Mr. Cleveland's Popularity.

There is no doubt at all of the fact that the people of this country are in a serious mood and are looking forward to the next national conventions with the hope that both of the great parties will nominate candidates for President who will be worthy of their support and who will be sure to administer the Government with wisdom, energy and impartiality. We believe that the great majority of the voters of the country desire to see Mr. Cleveland renominated and re-elected, simply because they consider him an able, honest and efficient man, and they have full confidence in his patriotism and integrity. The Wilkesbarre *Union-Leader* thus alludes to the President's undoubted popularity:

The chances for Grover Cleveland's renomination and re-election grow stronger every day. His remarkable administrative abilities have won the confidence and esteem of all lovers of good government, and his sound views upon the great questions bearing upon the progress and welfare of the country at large meet the endorsement of the conservative thinker everyway.

President Cleveland has proved himself to be a statesman of uncommon intelligence and foresight, a man of courage a staunch advocate of equal rights for rich and poor, a friend of labor, an enemy of corrupt monopolies and an uncompromising patriot. These are the proved qualifications that recommend him to the people, and nothing but his death can stem the popular movement now setting in which is destined to keep the reins of government in his hands for a second term. And there's exactly where they belong.—*Clearfield Republican.*

A Mother's Bitterness.

SHAMOKIN, Feb. 20—Thomas Osman, an employee on the Reading Railroad, was so badly crushed between cars to day that he died a few hours afterwards. The feelings of Osman's mother were so embittered against her son for taking a striker's place that she refused to visit him during his dying moments, and the young man breathed his last without her consoling words.

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20, 1888.

The alleged family quarrel in the Democratic party is a figment in the mind of Republican editors and correspondents and exists nowhere else. Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York, was asked what he knew about the alleged strong movement in New York in favor of Gov. Hill and opposed to the re-nomination of President Cleveland. He laughed in a quiet way and said, "We all think Cleveland will be renominated. The opposition to Cleveland talked of in the newspapers cannot be located, it is a mystery. It is said to be a mystery to Gov. Hill. I asked Mr. Cleveland about it. He said it was a mystery to him; that he did not understand it." But, of course, the Republican newspapers will go right along printing full particulars of the anti-Cleveland movement that does not exist.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland, accompanied by Secretary and Mrs. Whitney and Col. and Mrs. Lamont, leave here to-morrow on a special train for Jacksonville, Florida, whither they go in response to a very urgent invitation from the state officials. The party will spend two days in Florida, and on the return trip will make several short stops. The party is sure to meet with the wildest enthusiasm in the South, where the President is extremely popular, on account of the good old-fashioned Democratic administration which he has given the country.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in this city on the 22d inst, for the purpose of deciding on the time and place for holding the National Nominating Convention. Delegations from various cities who are desirous of getting the Convention, are already beginning to crowd the hotels. New York will make a hard fight for it, and San Francisco is offering all sorts of inducements to have it held there, while Cleveland, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Chicago delegations are uuntiring in their efforts to secure the honor. The general impression is that the Committee will select Chicago for the place, and an early day in July for the time.

The Democratic Congressional Committee met Saturday and filled the vacancies on the Committee as follows: for Colorado, Gen. Vella M. Hughes; Kansas, W. K. Carlisle; Nevada, Hon. Geo. Cassidy; Rhode Island, Ex Representative Page; Vermont, H. T. Atkins; Maine, W. E. Ewing; Dakota, R. H. McBride; Idaho, John Hailey, Wyoming, Morton E. Post, and District of Columbia, J. L. Norris. The selection of an Executive Committee was postponed until the next meeting, Thursday, 23rd inst.

The Senate Committee on Territories heard arguments in favor of the admission of Utah to the Union, Saturday. Mr. Richards, of Salt Lake City, explained the adoption of the constitution and its relation to the Mormon church. Ex-Senator McDonald argued the law points. He claimed that Congress had no right to keep a territory out of the Union of States after its people had fulfilled the conditions and complied with the requirements for admission.

The Fisheries Treaty has been concluded, but not yet made public, and so the numerous reports in circulation as to its provisions are mere matters of speculation. Secretary Bayard states that these rumors are without foundation in fact. Before the treaty becomes effective, it must be approved by the Senate of the United States, Queen Victoria, the Dominion of Canada, and the province of Newfoundland. If the treaty is ratified, it will certainly prove a signal and memorable triumph for the diplomacy of the Democratic Administration, as this controversy has been vexing the two great English speaking people more than fifty years.

In all probability a tariff bill will be introduced to the House this week. The main features of the bill have been agreed to by the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee. The details of the bill are not known outside of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee, Speaker Carlisle and several other gentlemen high in the party councils, but it is safe to say that it follows the general line of the President's message—a document likely to give its author a high place in the history of the country, as the possessor of unlimited moral courage. The authors of this tariff bill have aimed to reduce the revenues of the Government from $80,000,000 to $70,000,000 per annum.

Many Killed in a Cyclone.

CHICAGO, February 19.—A cyclone struck Mount Vernon, Ill., to-day. Almost the whole town was wiped out The place is filled with dying men, women and children. Many were killed outright. A dispatch from Evansville says over one hundred people were killed and a train with two engines and having on board surgeons was hastily sent to Mount Vernon. The Centralia Fire Department, with four doctors and many leading citizens, left on a special to-night for the same place.

Assistance has been sent from many other towns, and Mount Vernon needs all the surgeons that can be sent. A report late to night says that the number of killed was counted at thirty-eight.

CHICAGO, February 19.—A special to the *Daily News* from Evansville, Ind., says: A cyclone struck Mount Vernon, Ill., at 4.50 a. m. to-day from the northwest, sweeping around in a half circle and leveling half the town. The remainder of the place caught fire, and as there was a strong wind blowing, the flames soon got beyond control of the fire department. Above the roar of the winds could be heard the shrieks of the dying. Bodies, half buried in the debris, could be seen on every hand.

Human Fiends.

William N. Bagartner was walking over the Short Line railroad trestle, near Louisville, Ky., at midnight Thursday night of last week, when four masked men fell upon him and demanded his money. He replied by knocking one of the thieves to his knees. The rest of the gang then overpowered him and thrust a handkerchief into his mouth. Helpless and unable to scream, the brave man was tied to the rails. The thieves took his money and overcoat and then left him to be killed by the Lexington Express, which was about due. Bagartner, who was bleeding from his wounds, nearly perished from the cold. The thought of his almost inevitable fate nearly drove him crazy. He heard the rumbling of the express train in the distance, and then he became unconscious. When he awoke he was at his home with his wife bending over him. He had been cut from the rails by Yardman Albert Wallace just as the locomotive of the night express threw a flood of light upon his tightly bound body.

The President's Florida Trip.

WASHINGTON, February 18. — The President expects to leave next Tuesday for a short visit to Florida. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Whitney, and Colonel and Mrs. Lamont. The party will go by special train, and no stops will be made unless it be an hour at Savannah for a drive through the city. One day will be spent at Jacksonville and one day at St. Augustine. The party will get back to Washington on Saturday.

JACKSONVILLE, February 19.—Great enthusiasm is manifested throughout Florida in view of the anticipated visit of the President and Mrs. Cleveland, and several thousand dollars have been raised here to decorate the city and entertain the distinguished guests. Eight triumphal arches will be erected across the streets, and various committees are at work making elaborate preparations for a day which will be one of the most noteworthy in the history of the State. The carriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will be a bower of fragrant orange blossoms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Presidential special for Florida drew out of the Baltimore & Potomac station at ten minutes to twelve today. It consisted of two cars, the "Newport," a Pullman sleeper and dining car combined and a combination Pullman smoking and baggage car. A distinguished party came to the station to bid farewell to the journeyers. The president was looking remarkably well. Mrs. Cleveland was dressed in a close-fitting traveling dress of dark green, trimmed with white fur; and a fawn-colored tailor-made jacket. She looked somewhat pale as she reached the depot, but a faint flash of color came back under the excitement of leave-taking.

The First Indian Baby Born in Great Britain

A Sioux baby was born the other day in Buffalo Bill's camp in England, the first Indian baby ever born in Britain. There was great rejoicing among the red men in the camp and the father of the baby is very proud of his achievement. The little one is a girl, and she has been named Frances Victoria Alexandra in honor of Mrs. Cleveland, Queen Victoria and the Princess of Wales. The Indians carried on so over the birth of the baby that the country people living in the vicinity of the encampment, which is near Manchester, were frightened half out of their wits. They didn't seem to understand the customs of the original Americans.

Starvation, Death and Cannibalism.

ST. PAUL, February 20.—Rev. W. Spendlove, a missionary, has reached Winnipeg from north of McKenzie river, where he has been for nine years. His journey down took nearly three months. From Peace river he heard of cases where Indians had died of starvation and had then been eaten by their comrades. Deer have been very scarce for the past two years. There is much feeling because the government of Ottawa has taken no notice of the destitution of these Indians repeatedly brought to its attention.

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State of Pennsylvania, } ss.
County of Columbia, }

(SEAL OF THE COURT) Among the records and proceedings of the Court of (COMMON PLEAS) Common Pleas of said county and state, it is (OF COLUMBIA CO.) said county and state, it is *inter alia* thus contained at

No. 1, Feby. T., 1888.

In the matter of the petition for the sale of the real estate of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, of Berwick.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county. No. 1, Feby. T., 1888.

And now Feby. 18, 1888, upon the petition of H. C. Bower, Hudson Owen, Isaiah Bower and J. W. Evans, stockholders of the said Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the Borough of Berwick, lately dissolved by decree of this Court, making application for the sale of the real estate of the said dissolved corporation, the Court appoint Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1888, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the hearing and investigation of the facts of the case, and direct ten days' notice of said day, and time of hearing to be given to all known parties in interest, formal notice to be served upon all known parties in interest, where places of residence are known, and by advertisement to others interested three times in the following named weekly newspapers of said county, to-wit: The Berwick "Independent," and "Columbian," requiring all parties to show cause on the day and time fixed for said hearing, why the said Court should not decree a sale in accordance with the petition aforesaid of the real estate of the said described corporation by a trustee, to be appointed by the said Court, at either public or private sale. BY THE COURT.

Certified from the records Feby. 20, A. D. 1888.

WM. H. SNYDER, Prothy

CHARLES G. BARKLEY, Atty for Petitioners. 3t6s24.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Margaret Montgomery, Late of Orange township, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to pay the same, and those having claims against said estate will present the same for settlement to SILAS CONNER, Adm'r.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

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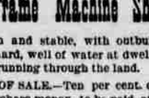

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE

OF VALUABLE

Real Estate!

The undersigned, administrator of Henry G. Martz, deceased, will expose to public sale, on the premises, on

THURSDAY, March 22, 1888

at 9 o'clock a. m, the following described real estate, situate in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., bounded on the east by lands of Isaiah Bower, —— Sheihamer and Lucinda Martz, on the west by land of —— Adams, Frank Fowler and George Bower, and on the north by land of L. Adams and I. Bower, and on the south by land of —— Masteller heirs and others, containing

58 ACRES,

more or less, on which are erected

2 2-Story Frame Dwelling Houses, Frame Machine Shop,

bank barn and stable, with outbuildings, good apple orchard, well of water at dwelling, stream of water running through the land.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property, the one fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation absolute, and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi. Purchaser to pay for making deed.

feb24 ISAIAH BOWER, Adm'r.

PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE

Real Estate!

The undersigned, administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed, of the estate of Robert Firney, late of Liberty township, Montour county, deceased, under direction in the will and by authority of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, will expose to sale, by public vendue, at the Court House, in Danville, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1888,

at one o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate, to-wit: All that certain farm and tract of land, situate lying and being in Liberty township, Montour county, Pa., and bounded by lands of John Robinson, lands of William Kerr, lands of Gideon M. Shoop, lands of Samuel Gigger, containing

191 ACRES

and fifty-seven perches strict measure, ascertained by a recent survey; and of which about sixty acres is

WOOD LAND.

The farm lies upon the public road leading from Danville to Milton at the forks of the road leading to Lewisburg, and is situated at a point about equally distant from each one of those three important towns, the distance being about eight miles from each. The improvements consist of a

Large Bank Barn,

wagon shed and outbuildings, and a large

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

and a stone spring house, &c. There are several springs of excellent water and two or three brooks running on the farm. Possession will be given on the first day of April, A.D. 1888. The tenant's share of the crop in the ground, at the day of the sale, with the right to enter, cut, thresh and remove the grain, is reserved. The share of the distributees in the same, goes with the farm

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation absolute, and the remaining three-fourths in one year after confirmation nisi, with interest from that date.

The purchase money unpaid at the first of April, 1888, to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises, before possession given.

JOHN G. FREEZE, Adm'rd. b. n. c. t. a.

Jan. 27.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF EMMA M. BRADEN, DECEASED.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the administrator of said decedent, as shown by his first and final account, to and among the parties entitled, will attend to the duties of his appointment, at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, March 19, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when and where all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased must appear and prove them, or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund.

Feby 24, 1888. CHARLES G. BARKLEY, Auditor.

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Feb. 10, 1888. 2mos.

STATEMENT

—OF THE—

Finances of Columbia County,

FROM JANUARY 1st, 1887, TO JANUARY 2d, 1888.

Statement showing taxes assessed and balance still due.

TOWNSHIPS.	ASSESSED. County Tax.	ASSESSED. Dog Tax.	ASSESSED. State Tax.	STILL DUE. County Tax.	STILL DUE. Dog Tax.	STILL DUE. State Tax.
Beaver	$ 848 90	$ 91 00	$ 75 49	$ 146 11	$ 53 50	$ 61 64
Benton	976 0	85 00	47 32	178 01	58 50	11 64
Berwick	1651 49	74 50	494 56	259 47	36 50	16 25
Bloom	3647 24	84 50	1073 32	517 09	43 00	280 49
Briarcreek	1006 99	74 50	126 61	270 82	36 00	32 12
Catawissa	1076 69	88 00	266 87	397 87	95 50	11 17
Centralia	984 58	6 00	213 24	238 57	4 50	.....
Centre	1547 06	75 00	209 09	316 10	31 00	1 85
Conyng'ham	1497 50	17 00	15 89	283 04	14 50	5 70
Fishing cr'k	1051 08	98 00	99 74	415 86	82 00	16 56
Franklin	500 80	40 50	4 30	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood	1139 20	104 50	390 06	67 24	22 50	6 70
Hemlock	1919 74	96 50	87 69	370 07	39 00	9 11
Jackson	259 56	53 50	39 71	122 85	28 50	5 54
Locust	1373 08	134 00	176 70	220 3'	39 00	14 85
Madison	960 69	91 00	137 48	168 40	28 00	11 66
Main	538 32	55 50	93 65	113 43	19 00	27 95
Mifflin	960 75	74 50	195 01	202 71	37 00	4 73
Montour	795 46	42 00	76 83	8 37	6 50	2 64
Mt Pleasant	844 56	66 50	90 84	164 84	31 50	8 84
Orange	996 11	56 50	199 76	165 10	30 50	6 15
Pine	980 89	61 50	13 26	120 33	28 50	1 95
Roaringcreek	375 16	37 50	51 45	.....	.....	.....
Scott	1790 80	73 00	312 15	123 81	43 00	.....
Sugarloaf	355 98	68 50	16 87	186 99	37 50	9 95
	$20751 39	$1688 00	$ 5148 80	$ 5098 45	$ 725 90	$ 221 44

Amount due for years previous to 1887.

Districts.	Collectors.	Yr	County	Dog.
Bloom do	W B Allen, R Harris,	1884	$	$ 79 50
		1880	494 50	83 00
			$ 494 50	$ 162 50

PETER A. EVANS, Treasurer of Columbia county, in account with said county on county funds.

DR.

January 1, 1887.	
To amt uncollected prior to 1887	$19080 02
" " on hand at last settlement	2408 70
" county tax assessed in 1887	20751 39
" tax on registry of voters	55 17
" H Stohner, rent old jail stable	15 84
" Wm H Snyder, jury fees	49 00
" J L Renninger, deed held by com'rs redeemed	8 00
To Reuben Shuman, deed held by com'rs redeemed	10 82
To Solomon Dirk, exonerated tax, Pine	1 89
" Amelia Butler, support of John Barton, Danville asylum	73 71
To Anna M Melick, support of Peter Melick, Danville asylum	76 27
To D R Coffman, rent old jail	108 00
" H Hetler, old plank	75
" Jacob Reenley, old plank	60
" Douglas Hughes, purchase money, old jail property	3305 00
To the town of Bloomsburg, rent old jail stable	18 33
To Douglas Hughes et al, lumber, &c	5 50
" redemption money, Jesse Hartman	7 18
" " " " tract, Sugarloaf	69 83
To amt collected on unseated land	25 25
" " " seated land	1499 12
" received from dog fund	263 15
" Jacob Hetler, old plank	72
" David Reeder, "	3 00
" Moyer Bros, grinder	5 00
" Eli Jones, lumber	3 00
" I W McKelvy, support of Margaret Weaver, Danville asylum	104 99
To A J McDonald, added to Conyngham	33
	$43936 06

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By commission and discount allowed on county tax for 1887.

Districts.	Ex.	Com.	Dis.
Beaver	$	$ 9 33	$ 15 5'
Benton	.....	7 99	12 75
Berwick	.....	33 92	59 18
Bloom	.....	77 40	110 18
Briarcreek	.....	20 95	25 78
Catawissa	.....	41 78	45 98
Centralia	.....	18 83	34 04
Centre	.....	42 59	30 49
Conyngham	.....	24 41	58 10
Fishingcreek	.....	29 35	31 55
Franklin	1 15	19 86	12 16
Greenwood	.....	33 72	28 46
Hemlock	.....	17 36	22 66
Jackson	.....	5 29	8 12
Locust	.....	36 15	35 '3
Madison	.....	31 20	18 22
Main	.....	15 26	13 98
Mifflin	.....	31 05	15 89
Montour	.....	24 35	16 04
Mt Pleasant	.....	15 51	8 99
Orange	.....	29 96	21 44
Pine	.....	10 75	6 19
Roaringcreek	5 26	13 08	10 65
Scott	.....	38 97	29 96
Sugarloaf	.....	6 18	3 11
	$ 7 41	$ 616 01	$ 647 69

CR.

By commissions, discount, exonerations and returns allowed collectors on county tax for 1886 and previous years.

Districts.	Com.	Dis.	Ex. & Ret.
Beaver	$ 60	$	$ 11 04
Benton	15 85	.....	5 77
Berwick	14 06	.....	48 35
Bloom	20 74	.....	51 74
Briarcreek	10 10	.....	7 88
Catawissa	28 62	.....	15 83
Centralia	15 98	.....	44 51
Centre	28 68	4 08	18 93
Conyngham	20 97	73	967 00
Fishingcreek	15 31	.....	9 40
Franklin	4 40	.....	.....
Greenwood	14 78	.....	6 93
Hemlock	5 19	.....	9 46
Jackson	3 81	.....	7 14
Locust	27 98	.....	12 85
Madison	13 60	.....	21 41
Main	6 09	.....	3 04
Mifflin	14 68	.....	3 91
Montour	13 38	.....	3 19
Mt Pleasant	8 98	.....	2 56
Orange	12 44	13	4 07
Pine	8 02	.....	18 58
Roaringcreek	4 27	.....	2 82
Scott	19 96	.....	13 98
Sugarloaf	6 30	.....	12 40
Bloom	1885 78	.....	69 37
	1884 198 33	.....	112 74
	$745 49	$ 4 69	$1447 74

By total commission	$ 1361 50
" " discounts	650 58
" " exonerations and returns	1993 15
" county orders redeemed	33419 15
" amt due from collectors	5599 95
" commission to treasurer	1416 76
	$45936 06

PETER A EVANS, Treas., in acc't with dog fund January 1, 1887.

To amt due at last settlement	$ 1290 17
" " assessed in 1887	1686 00
" added tax, John Berger, Briarcreek township	1 00
To bal in hands of Treas at last settlem't	299 09
	$ 3276 26

CR.

By commission and discount allowed collectors on dog tax for 1887.

Districts.	Ex.	Dis.	Com.
Beaver	$	$ 1 58	$ 1 09
Benton	.....	79	50
Berwick	.....	90	1 33
Bloom	.....	99	1 11
Briarcreek	.....	99	1 47
Catawissa	.....	61	1 73
Centralia	.....	36	04
Centre	.....	66	1 88
Conyngham	.....	97	12
Fishingcreek	.....	74	1 93
Franklin	.....	79	1 04
Greenwood	.....	1 58	3 31
Hemlock	.....	91	71
Jackson	.....	32	1 08
Locust	.....	2 10	2 57
Madison	.....	1 17	2 55
Main	.....	84	1 37
Mifflin	.....	50	2 17
Montour	.....	61	1 12
Mt Pleasant	.....	84	1 68
Orange	.....	80	1 39
Pine	.....	42	1 44
Roaringcreek	1 00	83	1 10
Scott	.....	54	1 19
Sugarloaf	.....	50	1 29
	$ 1 00	$ 19 86	$ 36 79

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By commission and exonerations allowed collectors on dog tax for 1886 and previous years.

Districts.	Com.	Ex.	Districts.	Com.	Ex.
Beaver	$ 85	$ 19 13	Locust	$ 3 24	$ 85
Bent'n	90	.....	Madison	85	1 23
Berwick	2 03	1 80	Main	77	.....
Bloom	5 43	9 40	Mifflin	1 83	9 35
Briarcr'k	1 49	.....	Montour	17	.....
Catawissa	4 29	2 55	Mt Pleas't	39	.....
Centralia	58	50	Orange	2 95	1 12
Centre	66	.....	Pine	1 00	.....
Fish'rk	61	5 38	Roarg'k	31	.....
Franklin	38	.....	Scott	2 41	1 91
Greenwd	2 93	18 09	Sugarloaf	55	3 10
Hemlock	83	3 00	1885		
Jackson	35	.....		$54 04	$ 89 19

By commissions and exonerations allowed collectors on state tax for 1886.

Districts.	Com.	Ex.	Districts.	Com.	Ex.
Beaver	$ 85	$ 19 13	Locust	$ 3 24	$ 85
Bent'n	90	.....	Madison	85	1 23
Berwick	2 03	1 80	Main	77	.....
Bloom	5 43	9 40	Mifflin	1 83	9 35
Briarcr'k	1 49	.....	Montour	17	.....
Catawissa	4 29	2 55	Mt Pleas't	39	.....
Centralia	58	50	Orange	2 95	1 12
Centre	66	.....	Pine	1 00	.....
Fish'rk	61	5 38	Roarg'k	31	.....
Franklin	38	.....	Scott	2 41	1 91
Greenwd	2 93	18 09	Sugarloaf	55	3 10
Hemlock	83	3 00	1885		
Jackson	35	.....		$54 04	$ 89 19

By commission to collectors for 1886 ..... $ 34 04
" exonerations allowed collectors for '86 ..... 69 70
" amt paid Record Examiner 500 00
" commission to Treasurer for 1886 ..... 58 81
" balance paid State Treasurer for 1886 ..... 702 16
" by amt paid to county 903 15
" commission to collectors for 1887 ..... 133 30
" discount allowed 201 33
" amt paid State Treasurer " " 4253 25
" " due from collectors 521 44
" commission to Treasurer for 1887 ..... 42 96
$ 6780 93

COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSES.

For which orders were issued on the Treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Elias Mendenhall, lumber, old jail	$ 60
W C Dougherty, expressage	2 45
C S Fornwald, burial expenses Thomas Hawkins (soldier)	30 00
J S Grimes, bill for teachers' institute, 1886	135 00
I J Hess et al, costs, Low appeal	28 47
Wm H Snyder, Krickbaum vs Col Co	2 40
" " Col Co	3 15
" " prothonotary bill	11 50
Moyer Bros, expressage	3 45
P Vanatta, repairing pump, old jail	1 25
Grant S Herring, auditing public accts	50 00
Overseers Briarcreek twp, expenses for burial of an unknown	24 75
T L Gilmore, headstones Kirby and Sponenberger	30 00
WH Snyder, record'g names of twp officers	22 30
David Black, costs, Lashell vs Col Co	3 00
Eph. Parks, cleaning water closet, old jail	12 00
W M Lemons, repairs, old jail	6 40

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BLOOMSBURG, PA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1888.

CORRECT RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

BLOOMSBURG & SULLIVAN RAILROAD

STATIONS.	SOUTH. Arrive. P. M.	SOUTH. Arrive. A. M.	NORTH. Leave. A. M.	NORTH. Leave. P. M.
Bloomsburg	1 55	8 00	8 45	5 40
Main Street	1 44	7 53	8 49	5 49
Irondale	1 41	7 50	8 00	6 45
Paper Mill	1 33	7 40	9 14	6 54
Lightstreet	1 26	7 35	9 22	6 58
Orangeville	1 13	7 23	9 40	7 10
Forks	12 57	7 11	9 58	7 22
Tubbs	12 50	7 06	10 05	7 27
Stillwater	12 43	7 00	10 15	7 33
Benton	12 30	6 50	10 30	7 45
	Leave. P. M.	Leave. A. M.	Arrive. A. M.	Arrive. P. M.

Trains on the P. & R. R. R. leave Rupert as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
7:27 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
3:37 p. m.	6:04 p. m.

Trains on the D. L. & W. R. R. leave Bloomsburg as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
7:19 a. m.	8:38 a. m.
11:07 a. m.	12:05 p. m.
2:24 p. m.	4:18 p. m.
6:36 p. m.	8:47 p. m.

Trains on the N. & W. B. Railway pass Bloom Ferry as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:46 a. m.	11:49 a. m.
4:36 p. m.	4:39 p. m.
SUNDAY.	
NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:16 a m	6:39 p m

SALES.

TUESDAY MARCH 6.—Mr. John N. Gordon will sell valuable personal property on the premises in Montour township.

FEB. 25.—Geo. W. Cadwalader will sell valuable personal property on the premises in Benton township, at 1 p. m. sharp.

FEB. 25.—John G. Freeze, administrator de bonis non, of the estate of Robert Finney, late of Liberty township, Montour county, Pa., deceased, will sell valuable real estate, at the Court House, in Danville, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

FOR SALE—cheap—1 chamber suit, 1 hester, 1 cook stove, 1 double cupboard and other furniture to avoid moving, call at once on Mrs S. R. Camp, Gailgnan house, on east Third St. 4tfb17

FOR SALE.—A desirable and commodious residence on Main street, supplied with water, gas and steam. Apply to
jan20tf. L. N. MOYER.

FOR SALE.—A good frame dwelling house and lot on Fourth street. The house has eight rooms and a Summer kitchen. There is a good stable and carriage house and other outbuildings on the lot. (The above would be exchanged for a small farm.) Also, a three-story brick store and dwelling house and two other very desirable dwellings on Main street. Any person wishing to purchase or sell real estate will find it to their advantage to correspond with M. P. Lutz, Insurance and Real Estate Agent, Bloomsburg, Pa. feb24

E. C. Bundy, practical auctioneer; over 20 years experience, in crying farm property. Store goods and hotel furniture a specialty. Postoffice address, Bloomsburg, residence on Little Fishingcreek, at slate quarry. feb.3-6w.

Wanted.

$3000 or $4000 wanted on 1st mortgage. Property under good lease. Interest paid monthly if desired. Address, Manufacturer, care of this paper.

To Whom It May Concern.

I am informed that a young man named Harman Stine, of Benton township, has recently offered for sale certain notes, purporting to be signed by me. I have never given him a note of any kind, and if he has any such paper in his possession, it is forged and fraudulent, and will not be paid by me. I. K. KRICKBAUM.
Benton, Feb. 17.*

Buy Lester's Binghamton Kip Boots. Best made.

Personal.

Mrs. J. R. Dimm is visiting friends in this place.

Chas. Yohst has been quite sick with pneumonia the past week.

Mr. Lewis Tovey, pattern-fitter in the School Furnishing Company's works, is spending this week in Philadelphia.

C. C. Trench left Monday for Florida, where he expects to spend some time camping out along the rivers and lakes.

Rev. O. H. Strunck, a former pastor of the Reformed church, was in town this week. He was called to attend the funeral of one of his former members at Heller's church.

Hazleton wants a new Opera House.

The sleighing has departed for the present.

Valentine dealers had a good trade this year.

Easter comes nine days earlier this year than last.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, falls on Saturday this year.

Plenty of ice is assured for next summer's consumption.

A local institute will be held at Benton on Saturday March 3.

Do not forget, or you will regret that you did not get a seat for the 24th. 2w

An eastern paper claims to have already scalped the first spring poetry.

The Barlow Bros. Minstrels will make a street parade at noon, Wednesday.

C. S. Bound has sold out his grocery store on East street to Harman & Hassert.

The grand opening of J. L. Girton's St. Elmo Hotel took place last (Thursday) evening.

Don't forget Barlow's Minstrels at the Opera House next Wednesday evening, December 29th.

Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Independence Day all come on Wednesday this year.

Large congregations listened to the interesting sermons of Rev. Dr. Knox at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

H. V. White, Esq. and S. F. Peacock, have been appointed Notaries Public by Gov. Beaver during the past week.

There are sixty-four prisoners in the Northumberland county prison. In Sullivan county there is but one prisoner.

The report of the teachers' institute held at Millville February 11th will be found on our first page.

The Big Minstrel Company is coming to Bloomsburg Wednesday, Feb. 29. Go and see them Secure your seats.

The weather during the past week has been very changeable. There has been cold weather, mild weather, rain, ice and mud.

A little child of Mr. John Kitchen, died suddenly Monday morning, and was buried in Rosemont cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Kuhn desire to express their heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who so generously assisted them during their late bereavement.

The great Barlow Bros. Minstrels will be at the Bloomsburg Opera House Wednesday evening, December 24th. Don't fail to see them.

A choir of young men now furnish the music for the Sunday evening services at the Episcopal church. Their singing is very good.

An exchange says: A man with a snow shovel can hit the dividing line between his property and his neighbor's with more precision than a surveyor.

The notice of the local institutes that were held at Numidia and Buckhorn Saturday and Wednesday was received too late for insertion last week.

15,000 ft. dry pitch pine flooring dressed, 1 in., for sale.
WHITE, CONNER & SLOAN.
feb3-4t. Orangeville, Pa.

Songs of the fireside, the seaside, the hillside, plain and scalloped, will be rendered with feeling and finish on Friday evening, the 24th, by the unsurpassed Smith family.

The Millville *Tablet* says that present indications are that more building will be done in that place during the coming summer than was ever done in one season before.

Governor Beaver issued last Friday the warrant for the execution of Shaffer, the murderer of Nora Colby, near Lock Haven, and fixed upon Wednesday, April 4th, as the date of its execution.

Concert by the famous musical prodigies, the Smith Family, in the Opera House Friday evening Feb. 24. Reserved seats, fifty cents. Tickets may be obtained at Dentler's. Admission thirty-five cents.

Warner's Log Cabin Sarsaparilla regulates the regulator. Largest Sarsaparilla bottle in the market. Manufactured by the proprietors of Warner's Safe Cure. Sold by all druggists. Take no other—it is the best.

Mr. Jas. Cadman has bought the Rosenstock property on East street. He is erecting a large two story frame house on the corner of Third and Catherine streets, which he expects to use as furniture warerooms and repair shop.

The original Barlow Bros. Minstrels will give one of their refined minstrel entertainments at the Opera House Wednesday, Feb 29. Secure your seats in time. Remember the best seat in the house 50c. Don't miss them.

The prospect of new industries coming to our beautiful town has been the cause of advancement in the price of property. There have been a number of transfers of real estate within a few weeks. Many new houses will soon be commenced.

After rain follows sunshine. Stop that horrid cough and cure consumption by using Warner's Log Cabin Cough and Consumption Remedy, and you will find the sunshine of health soon following. Two sizes, $1 and 50 cents per bottle.

For school director for two years Kramer received 489 votes, Brown received 424 votes, and Webb received 311 votes, making a total of 1224 votes cast, representing 612 voters. Of these, 212 persons voted for Brown and 400 voted against him. This is the story the figures tell.

We see that "the celebrated Smith family" will give an entertainment in the Bloomsburg Opera House on Friday evening next. If the whole of that numerous family takes part in the entertainment where in the name of conscience will the audience find room?—*Milton Economist.*

Miss Ella Fowler and Mr. Jacob Summy were married Thursday of last week at the residence of Mr. John Moyer on Market street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. B. Riddle. The newly-married couple left the same day for Manheim, Pa., where Mr. Summy will engage in the hotel business.

A new mail route has been established on the N. & W. B. R. R. to run from Wilkesbarre to Rock Glen Junction and there connect with Sunbury trains to and from Hazleton. The service will be put on March 1st after which date all places between the points named will have a daily mail supply.

There have been two dances this week, one in Music Hall Tuesday evening, and the other, given by the Friendship Fire Company, in their hall in the Wirt building Wednesday evening Both were well attended. The prize offered by the manager of Music Hall for the best lady dancer was awarded to Miss Sarah Kerns, of Danville.

Geo. A. McKelvy has purchased Hendershott's Pharmacy, and has taken possession of the same. He will carry a full line of the purest drugs, perfumes, toilet articles and a general assortment of goods kept in a first-class drug store. Having had seventeen years' experience in the business, prescriptions will be promptly and carefully filled. tf.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Bloomsburg for week ending Feb. 21, 1888:

Mr. George Applegate, Daniel Daubert, Mrs. Eli McBride, Miss Anna E. Jones, Sig. Luigi Lorauch.

Persons calling for these letters will please say "advertised."
GEORGE A. CLARK, P. M.

The wicked three-cent piece is to be retired. The coin was a nuisance on account of its resemblance to the dimes, and people will be glad to get rid of it for this reason. That is, most people will—though those who have been in the habit of chipping in a three cent piece on the church collection plate every Sunday and getting credit for a dime contribution will deeply regret the disappearance of their most convenient coin.

Resolutions passed on the death of Miss Eliza Kuhn by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, Pa.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Him who doeth all things well to remove from our midst our esteemed and respected President, Miss Eliza Kuhn, and as the purpose of the Almighty in thus removing her, is to us inscrutable and mysterious; therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Society, tender to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of trial.
COMMITTEE

Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself and superior to all other preparations, in strength, economy and medicinal merit.

"To either hold the plow or drive" requires strength. To secure and keep strength a good stomach is required, and it must be kept in strong and healthy action. Warner's Log Cabin Hops and Buchu Remedy will keep your stomach in good working order Druggists have it.

The eldest son of Mr. T. H. Edgar of Stillwater died Saturday of last week of inflammation of the bowels, after an illness of about one week. His death was unexpected and was a sad one to his many friends in that section. He was about 18 years of age. Interment in the Christian burial ground Tuesday.

Some one either carelessly or maliciously, broke one of the large plate glass windows in the postoffice on Tuesday night There is a clue to the parties, and some steps will be taken to ferret the matter.

On Wednesday morning some one having no regard for the rights of others, reached in through the hole in the window, and taking out a piece of the broken glass, threw it on the pavement, breaking it into small pieces. Mr. Wirt offers a reward of ten dollars for the conviction of the person who did this.

Another fox chase took place last Monday afternoon. The fox, which was caught at the hunt last week, was taken to a field on Mr. Yocum's farm near the Red Rock bridge and there set free. But a few minutes were given him to get out of the way before the dogs were after him and after a long and exciting chase he was overtaken near Heller's church, not far from Jerseytown and life was quickly shaken out of him; Thomas Vannatta's hound, Sport, was the first to catch up with him, and the others were not far behind. The chase was said by those who took part in it to have been the finest one of the season.

The improvements at W. H. Gilmore's have made his saloon one of the finest in this section of the country. The partition has been taken out between the front and rear rooms, making one large, commodious room. The woodwork has been handsomely repainted. Behind the bar has been placed a large handsome, mahogany case finely carved and containing beautiful mirrors. Gas jets with colored globes have been distributed at different points so as to give a magnificent effect. A row of mirrors with handsome walnut frames extend across the wall opposite the bar. The whole effect is brilliant and beautiful and Mr. Gilmore is to be commended for his taste and enterprise in the remodeling of his establishment.

An exchange says: If the county roads are impassable, it is the duty of the supervisors to put them in shape. The law of 1839 is explicit on this point. Supervisors are authorized to clear roads of all obstructions necessary to allow a resumption of traffic. Turnpikes are no more exempt than common roads in this particular, and must also be kept open, not in name only, but in actual fact. To dig a single road track through a long snow drift is not opening the road. Vehicles can not pass in it, and it is not such a roadway as the law contemplates. Accidents resulting in pecuniary loss or bodily injury would undoubtedly carry damages with them if brought into the courts. It would be well, therefore, for all interested in opening blockaded roads to bear this in mind.

Miss Annie Sloan, daughter of M. C. Sloan, was married to C. C. Evans Esq of Berwick on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's P. E. church, by Rev W. C. Leverett. No formal invitations were issued, but many friends of the bride and groom were present to witness the ceremony. Mrs. M. A. Smith presided at the organ, and discoursed some excellent music preceding the arrival of the bridal party, and the well-known wedding march at the close of the ceremony Messrs. W. Clark Sloan, Frank Wilson, Frank Pursel and William S Rishton were the ushers. The bride was the recipient of many very handsome presents, showing the high esteem in which she is held. Mr. and Mrs. Evans took the noon train for Philadelphia and on their return to Berwick will go at once to the handsome home that Mr Evans has recently erected. Our best wishes go with them.

Without doubt the most valuable contribution in *Harper's Magazine* for March, from the point of view of the greatest number of people, is Charles Dudley Warner's opening study of "The Great West—A Far and Fair Country." In his graceful, easy style Mr. Warner sweeps across the great Northwest from Minneapolis to Great Falls, and carries his reader along so pleasantly that one is never weary despite the distance. The facts and statistics presented are none the less instructive for being given in an entertaining way. Every intelligent man and woman will be interested in Mr. Warner's study—those in the East because it will teach them something, and those in the West because they will see themselves faithfully photographed therein. It follows, of course, that Mr. Warner's article is not free from criticism; but fair, generous, intelligent criticism is agreeable to Western people. The value of the contribution is further enhanced by a particularly good map, based upon a map in *The Railway Age*.

The following correspondence explains itself:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL:

Gentlemen:—I hereby present a formal resignation (already virtually made) of my position as instructor in the Department of Natural Science in this institution, to take place June next, at the close of the present scholastic year. I have given twenty years of the best part of my life in feebly aiding to advance the interests of the institution to its present honorable position among the best literary institutions of the country. I shall continue to cherish the purest wishes and warmest affections toward it. I hope the institution will still move onward more nobly in her grand career, and culminate her triumphal march in diffusing more widely a sound, practical, intellectual and moral culture. May prosperity, unprecedented, crown the halls of your institution, and increasing success gild the hours of your toil.

Yours Very Truly,
Nov. 29, 1887. J. W FERREE.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on Saturday, February 4, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Prof. J. W. Ferree has tendered his resignation, to take effect in June next, as Prof. of Natural Sciences in the State Normal School of the Sixth District:

Resolved, That the Board accept the resignation as requested.

Resolved, That it is with regret that we part with one who for the past twenty years has been an earnest and faithful teacher, and we do hereby express our appreciation of the high value of the services rendered the institution by him during all that time. The present reputation of the school is built upon the efforts of those who have served in the faculty and we recognize the fact that none has had the prosperity of the school more at heart than Prof. Ferree. We hereby extend to him our warm regard and wish him prosperity wherever he may cast his lot in the future.

Death of Eliza M. Kuhn.

The death of Eliza M. Kuhn, which occurred on Wednesday evening, February 15, as announced last week, although a sudden shock to her many friends in the community, was not altogether unexpected by the members of the family. She was first stricken on January 23d, with what seemed neuralgia of the head and spine. Soon after the family physician was called he pronounced her disease, inflammation of the bowels, and said it would be many weeks before she would recover, as her nervous system seemed to be generally affected. From the time of her prostration until she died, she had no rest, except under the influence of opiates, and she was at no time wholly conscious. Her death was a sad one, as she was just on the eve of becoming a bride and her form was enshrouded in part of the apparel that was intended for her wedding garments. The funeral services were held at the house on Saturday afternoon at half-past two o'clock, February 18, and the attendance was very large. The floral decorations were beautiful, consisting of the following designs, "The Gates Ajar," the "Harp," and "Broken Column," by friends and members of the family, a "Crescent" by a lady friend of Selinsgrove, "The Anchor and Cross," by gentlemen friends, a "Cross" by members of the Sunday school, and a pillow, "Resting at Home," by a friend. The casket was strewn with flowers and at her feet were beautiful lilies. The services was conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. P. Manhart, assisted by Rev. J. P. Tustin and D. J. Waller, Jr. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. B. Clark, J. C. Wiegand, C. C. Peacock, E V. Hartman, Chas. Funston and Frank Wilson.

For some time she had been an active worker in all of the societies of the church. She was kind and affectionate to all, and her popularity was attested by the wide circle of friends who paid their last sad respect to the departed one.

She was 27 years, 2 months and 18 days of age.

Lightstreet.

Mrs. James Sankey of Harrisburg is visiting at Mrs. J. M. C. Ranck's for the past few weeks.

Miss Hattie Ranck who has been sick for the past week or two is now reported as convalescing.

Ladies' Aid Society of town have been having sleighing excursions for some time. Quite a new enterprise.

A number of ladies of town gave Mrs. Mary Ent of Bloomsburg a call on Friday afternoon.

A number of Centre's representatives took John Wanich by surprise one evening last week.

A. C. Hidlay and wife took a flying trip to Mountain Grove last week to see Henry Smoyer who has been very low with consumption.

A. B. White and wife attended the wedding of Mrs. White's niece at Forks.

Mrs. Mary Ent and son Oscar visited Mrs. N. B. Ent Sunday.

The ice on Fishing creek began moving on Tuesday.

Election passed off very quietly, so much so that our district is always in the lurch on offices.

M. E. Seybert sold his farm to a Mrs. Sarver of Warrior Run, Luzerne Co. for the sum of seven thousand and five hundred dollars. Also farming utensils.

Local Institute.

The following programme has been arranged for the Teachers' Institute, to be held at Catawissa, Columbia county, Pa., Saturday, February 25, 1888:

Morning session.—Call to order at 9:30 a. m. Organization. Opening exercises Arthur Roberts, spelling; Miss How, class drill; Prof C. H. Albert, history; music; recitation; Dr. Waller, Jr., discipline.

Afternoon session.—Call to order at 1:30 p. m. Music; Prof. H. G. Clark, subject to be chosen; Miss Kurtz, class drill; Miss Brannan, class drill; C. H Reynolds, "The Teacher's duties to his Profession;" song by a little girl; Prof. Cope, "Criticism of Written Work;" I. H. Winter, class drill; Alfred Hower, subject to be chosen; question for general discussion, "How Teach Morals?" opened by Mr. Becker; music by pupils from Miss Dechant's school; Prof. Wolverton, subject to be chosen; Mr. Creasy, subject to be chosen; Dr. Kline, subject to be chosen; music.

Tax Collector.

The Act of 1885 provides for the election of a tax collector. The Town of Bloomsburg, being organized under a special law, does not come under the provision of this act so far as the collection of taxes is concerned. But the voters of the town each year elect a tax collector whose duty it is to collect the county, school and poor taxes. It has not been the custom thus far to place the duplicate of the town in the hands of the collector thus elected, but to give it to some one specially appointed by the council, but there seems to be no good reason for this. When the electors of the town select one in whom they are willing to entrust the collection of part of their taxes, why not give him the whole of the work? If all the duplicates were placed in his hands, one man could afford to give his entire time to the business, but divided up as it is the collector must necessarily have some other pursuit or he cannot live.

It is not always convenient to call a physician for every little ailment, and in many cases it is not only inconvenient, but impossible to reach one promptly. Having Pond's Extract in the house, you have a physician always at hand It is easy of application, safe and reliable. For sore throat, stiff neck, chapped hands and face, it is of inestimable value, frosted limbs and chilblains are promptly relieved by Pond's Extract. For sale everywhere. Be sure to get the genuine.

The Ounce of Prevention.

The satisfaction of feeling safe from catching any disease from drinking water, from impure air, from a sick person, from contact with foul clothing, infection or contagion from any source, is complete and all anxiety allayed by the use of Darbys Prophylactic Fluid. A bottle will give more safety, comfort and confidence than all the doctoring in the world.

The crown prince of Germany is in a very critical condition, apparently from the same disease that killed Gen. Grant.

Buy Lester's Binghamton Kip Boots. Best made.

MARRIED.

ASH—GEISINGER.—On the 16th inst., at the home of the bride, by Rev. A. Houtz, Mr. Thomas E. Ash to Miss Mary E. Geisinger, both of Fishingcreek township.

HILKERT—KISNER.—At Bloomsburg, Pa., February 16, 1888, by Rev. Frank P. Manhart, John F. Hilkert, of Washingtonville, Pa., to Lizzie E. Kisner, of Millville, Pa.

KLECKNER—KITCHEN.—On the 18th inst., at the Reformed parsonage, in Orangeville, by Rev. A. Houtz, Mr. Woodward L. Kleckner, of Fishingcreek township, to Miss Dora J. Kitchen, of Greenwood township.

Warner's Log Cabin Sarsaparilla regulates the regulator. Best blood purifier in the market. Manufactured by the proprietors of Warner's Safe Cure. Sold by all druggists.

The Vote in Bloomsburg.

The full vote as polled in the town is given below. The newly-contested offices were those of President of Town Council and School Directors. For the former position Mr. Harman received an unusually large majority. For School Director four members of the old Board were candidates and three of them were elected, J. J. Lawall being defeated by O. T. Wilson. The Board will consist of O. T. Wilson, J. R. Townsend, 3 years, William Kramer, J. C. Brown, 2 years, William Chrisman and Isaiah Hagenbuch, 1 yr. Those marked with a * are elected.

TOWN COUNCIL.

President.	East	West	Total.
P. S. Harman,*	199	205	404
L. S. Wintersteen,	148	102	250
R. Oswald,	1		
Members.			
Clinton Sterling,*	305	210	515
R. H. Ringler,*	212	248	460
John Wolf,*	274	165	439
Chas. Hassert,*	296	171	467
H V. White,	348	187	435
Jas Cadow,*	259	297	556
E. C. Wells,*	319	382	701
Jas. C. Sterner,	153	103	256
Wm. Kramer,		2	2
SCHOOL DIRECTORS.			
J R. Townsend,* 3 yrs,	249	121	370
Wm. Kramer,* 2 yrs,	334	155	489
Wm. Chrisman,* 1yr,	351	215	566
J. C. Brown,* 2 yrs,	174	250	424
J. J. Lawall, 3 yrs,	132	182	314
I Hagenbuch,* 1 yr,	176	202	378
O. T. Wilson,* 3 yrs,	169	236	405
B. F. Sharpless, 1 yr,	110	140	250
Clark Richart, 3 yrs,	123	37	160
Thos. Webb, 2 yrs,	148	163	311
C. A. Kleim, 1 yr,		2	2
COLLECTOR OF TAXES.			
U. H. Ent,*	211	134	345
J. K. Eyer,	135	173	308
ASSESSORS.			
F. C. Eyer,*	200	147	347
Isaac Yost,	217	109	326
A. B. Cathcart,*	280	343	623
ASSISTANT ASSESSORS.			
Harry Fornwald,*	228	128	356
Chas. Rabb,	184	131	315
C. C. Peacock,*	272	351	623
CONSTABLES.			
M. C. Woodward,*	290	280	570
Wesley Knorr,	63	30	95
Daniel Laycock,*	227	235	462
M. E. Cox,	113	66	179
JUDGE OF ELECTION.			
Geo. M. Lockard,*	193		
B. P. Vannatta,	142		
F. B. Hartman,		130	
W. R. Ringross,*		165	
H. V. White,		1	
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.			
John B. Casey,*	204		
A. J. Williams,*	131		
H. V. White,*		124	
C. P. Sloan,*		175	

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully, T A. Slocum, M. C., 181 Pearl St., New York. nc nov25tm

Court Proceedings.

Sale ordered in estate Jonas Doty.

F Brown and U. H. Ent appointed appraisers in estate of C. B Brockway.

J P. Hannon and G. H. Moser appointed overseers of the election in South Conyngham.

S. E Ferree, T. W. Hartman and C. B. Low appointed viewers of a road in Centre at Lime Ridge.

Jonas Doty's admr. vs. John Sult, case tried, verdict for plaintiff for $9.60 for 400 hoop poles cut on the undisputed portion of the Reeser tract.

Theo F. Craig vs Mahala Craig et al. verdict for plaintiff, subject to opinion of the court on questions reserved.

Widow's appraisement confirmed nisi in estate of N. D. Harman.

Bond of H. J. Robbins and J. F. Derr, executors of Elijah Fulmer, approved.

C. G. Barkley Esq. appointed auditor in estate of I. John & Son.

Sale ordered in estate of Isaac Yetter.

Inquest awarded in estate of Margaret Montgomery.

Samuel Neyhart, Miles Smith and C. H. Fruit appointed viewers of road in Greenwood near B. F. Redline's and Joseph Heller's.

Commonwealth vs. John H. Keifer, larceny &c. Sentence suspended.

H. B Low vs. John M. Fairchild case tried, verdict for plaintiff for $29.38.

Commonwealth vs Emerson J. Lore, recognizance for appearance at next court on March 14th.

Application for sale of real estate of Odd Fellows' Association of Berwick, order of court filed.

Susie Winner vs. Oswell Winner, decree in divorce filed.

Eli McHenry, Isaac A. Dewitt, John C. Wenner appointed viewers of a road in Sugarloaf near Amandus Fritz's and Joseph O. Hess'.

Mc lellan Smethers vs Fannie T. Smethers, divorce decreed.

F. P. Billmeyer Esq. appointed auditor in estate of Lydia Sponenberg.

N. U. Funk appointed auditor in estate of Stephen Hetler.

J. G. Freeze Esq. appointed auditor in estate of Eli Pealer.

J. H. Maize Esq. appointed auditor in estate of W. N. A. Rogers.

Geo. E. Elwell Esq. appointed auditor in estate of E. Peterman.

Adjourned to March 14th at 9 a. m.

Champion Short Hand Writer.

Mr. A. S. White, the well-known author of "White's Phonography," famous as the Champion Shorthand Writer of the World, received the first prizes in the international contests at London, Edinburgh, Paris and Berlin; he came near being permanently disabled by rheumatism. His recovery by the use of a remedy infallible in curing rheumatism and all blood diseases is told in a letter from his office, 62 Washington st., Chicago, dated June 20, 1887. He writes:

"Your remedy has done wonderful service for me. For the past five years I have been troubled with rheumatic pains.

"My right hand had become almost useless and I was gradually losing speed as a shorthand writer. A friend of mine, Dr. Dederich, advised me of your remedy. I used a dozen bottles of S. S. and am now entirely recovered. I shall never cease to commend your excellent medicines, and wish you much success.

"Yours truly, A. S. WHITE."

And here is another witness:

"BENTON, Ark., August, 25th, 1887.

"Last spring I was dangerously afflicted with erysipelas, and my life was despaired of by my physicians. As a last hope I tried S. S. S. and soon found relief, and in two weeks was able to attend to my business. I used five bottles.

"S. H. WITTHORNE, Ed. Saline *Courier*."

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Drawer 3, Atlanta, Ga.

A Modern Monte Cristo.

The editor saw on the pavement cold,
Something that seemed to shine;
He picked it up—'twas a dollar in gold—
And he shouted: "The world is mine!"
—*Oil City Blizzard.*

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Feb. 20, 1888.

The news herein is of Spring styles, qualities and prices. *Real information* about late arrivals. It is our notion that advertising should not be puffing and bragging exaggeration, nor dreary essay writing, creating either suspicion or weariness, but a clear statement of desirable information; strong when justified by facts, but whether mild or strong, always true, expressed with as much attraction in style as our wit will produce.

GINGHAMS.

Five hundred and eighteen styles now on sale.

The Scotch Plaid Ginghams are claimed by knowing women for seashore and short travel. With the revival of panniers, bretelles, jacket-corsage, and, best of all, the Garibaldi waist, what more charming costume is there than these colorful, cheerful goods that never carry on their face a suggestion of cotton fibre? Look at spinning, color and pattern if you want to feel both *expensively* and elegantly dressed. But if you really *want* to know the facts about them, here they are:

Andersons' Scotch Ginghams, 181 styles. Their quality is sovereign and as reliable as gold from the Mint. A touch of neatness and beauty in the patterns peculiarly Andersonian. 40c.

Scotch Zephyr Ginghams, 119 styles. The boldest, most brilliant plaids, and small quantities, only of the richest. High art and high color, 50c. They are all either at or below the lowest market price.

Best American Ginghams, 218 styles. They crowd the imported goods very hard at all points. Only half Andersons' prices, 20c.

SATEENS.

One thousand and fifty-nine styles on sale to-day.

Sateens are half sisters to silks and quite as comfortable betwéen seasons.

Novelties in rare designs that delight and with a range of colors that would bankrupt a painter's palette.

Forked lightning, palm figures, commas, dots combined in all sorts of shapes, gleam and stream over the plain polished surface in glaucous greens, cedar, moss, olive, yellowish linden green, and the new caprice, mignonette.

Five hundred and sixty-seven styles best French including Koechlin, Scheurer, and Dolfus Meigs, at 37½c.

Three hundred and eighty-five styles fine French at 31c. Perhaps you may find them equal to the higher cost.

One hundred and seven styles Peerless at 12½c. Well named. They *are* peerless at the price.

WOOL STRIPES.

As varied a gathering of Striped Dress Goods in wool as you are likely ever to see.

Saxony Stripes are newcomers. Every virtue of the favorite Saxony Plaids. The lustre and firmness of weave give a poplin effect. Navy blue, turquoise blue, bottle green, garnet, wine, black, 50c.

Another handsome stranger gets its stripes from a chevron weave and beige mixture, 50c.

Feather Stripes get their name from a wavy, cloudy effect. Striking and one of the newest. 41 inches, $1.50.

HABIT CLOTHS.

Habit Cloths of various grades. Fine wool and careful work in all. The wonder is how so much of both can be had for the prices. One kind, 52 inches wide. 50c, Another 42 inches wide, also 50c, but it is heavier, firmer, finer than the other. Either is a wonderful half dollar's worth. Wider than either, and finer, 75c.

SHIRTINGS.

For Women's Dresses and Boys' Shirt Waists, as well as for Men's Shirts. There is no sturdier, stronger cotton stuff of the weight. For thick and thin wear anywhere. As pretty as good. In all the chintz colors, and they are deep and fast. Plump yard wide. And the price is but 12½c. Never before equal quality for so little.

Space forbids us telling more of the things in the store that are reminders of the warm, blue skies and the bursting buds, as we must speak of some of our remarkably cheap

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

The best yet in Muslin and Cambric Underwear. Not for fineness and extravagance, but for cents' worth. You can see a hundred things of this sort on the long counters and never one twice. But what we value most is in every one—right material and faithful, proper work.

Mother Hubbard Night Gowns, Good muslin, yoke with two rows of wheel pattern insertion, neck, front, and sleeves trimmed with embroidery, 75c.

Mother Hubbard Night Gown, yoke of large and small tucks, neck, sleeves, and front trimmed with neatly embroidered ruffle, 75c.

Cambric Mother Hubbard Night Gown, yoke of rows of fine herring-bone stitching between fine tucks, neatly embroidered ruffle on neck and sleeves, $1.

Skirts with deep embroidered ruffle, open or closed pattern, 75 and 90c.

Drawers in a variety of styles, 40, 50, and 75c.

Chemises at 50, 65, 75 and 85c, $1, $1.25, $1.50.

Aprons, 25c to $1.50; perhaps a hundred styles in Muslin and cambric, some imported.

Let these stand for the scores and scores of like things at just as remarkable prices that we have no space to name.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

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AT L. W. HARTMAN & SONS,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Thousands of yards of Cloths and Imported Dress Goods, 50c. a yard.

46-inch Henrietta Cloth, in Colors and Black.

Beautiful new patterns in Hamburg Embroideries.

75-ct. Ladies' Kid Gloves.

Stamped Pillow Shams, yard square, 25c a pair.

Chinaware for wedding presents.

Lots of new goods at lowest prices.

M. Knapp

BLOOMSBURG.

Fine Cabinet portraits only $3. doz. Life size Crayons only $10.00. Viewing, copying and enlarging. Instant process used. tf.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

THE HANDSOMEST LADY IN BLOOMSBURG remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when others had no effect whatever. So to prove this and to convince you of its merit, any druggist will give you a sample bottle free. Large size, 50c. and $1.

WHAT AM I TO DO?—The symptoms of biliousness are unhappily but too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas, he has an excellent appetite for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough, at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and diarrhœa or constipation may be a symptom or the two may alternate. There are often hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence and tenderness in the stomach. To correct all this if not to effect a cure try Green's August Flower, it costs but a trifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

AGENTS AND SALESMEN.—Every man should know the value of the *Hop Plasters* and wear them for weak back; they give support and enable you to keep on your feet all day. Soothing and pain allaying—Hop Plasters never fail. Everywhere 25c.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CROWN.

The crown of Queen Victoria consists of diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, set in silver and gold. Its gross weight is 39 oz. 5 dwt troy. The number of diamonds are 3,353; pearls, 273; rubies, 9; sapphires, 17; emeralds, 11. It is an old saying—Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. It is better to wear the crown of perfect health and peace of mind through the curative effects of Perrine's Pure Barley Malt Whiskey. For sale by C. B. Robbins, Bloomsburg, Pa.

THE POPULATION OF BLOOMSBURG is about 5,000, and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the throat and lungs as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. Price 50c. and $1. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a

Talking With the Dead.

AN OHIO SEXTON WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE CONVERSED WITH THE DEPARTED.

Mr. Holmes, the veteran sexton of the Washington Cemetery, has during the past few years lain hundreds of bodies in their last resting place and made scores of removals, some of the removals having been dead a quarter of a century or more. In conversation he was asked if he had not met with many strange and mysterious occurrences.

"I must confess that I have," was his reply, "and, although I am by no means a Spiritualist, I believe that the spirits of the dead often visit this world and bring with them characteristics by which the living can recognize them or realize their presence, and I am firmly of the opinion that if I would allow myself to do so I could hold conversation with the dead. Of all places on this earth where serious and strange meditations force themselves upon one, the cemetery of the dead, where hundreds of your friends and acquaintances are sleeping their last sleep, has no equal. I often stroll out through the cemetery at night, where I indulge in solemn meditation.

"I can recall an incident that happened a few months ago while I was moving the grass from the grave of a very intimate friend of mine who has been dead several years. A peculiar feeling of desire suddenly came over me that I would like to talk with my friend, and suddenly I heard a voice that was as natural as could be. I recognized in an instant that it was the voice of my long departed friend speaking to me. We conversed with each other quite a while, each asking and answering questions. The questions that were put to me were intelligent, and the answers invariably conveyed the intelligence sought.

"Among the questions asked by me was the following: 'Are you at peace?' And the answer came back in a clear, distinct voice, 'I am.' There was no one near but myself, and the voice could not have been that of a living being.

Mr. Holmes said that he had never before related this incident, not even to his family. As he is not of an excitable disposition, and perfectly reliable in every respect, the statement of Mr. Holmes will be read with interest.—*Washington C. H. (Ohio) Dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer.*

The Good Old Times.

For the COLUMBIAN.

"They have easy times now to what they had when I was a boy," is the observation that the aged man is want to repeat on every warrantable occasion to the young of the present. It may be so of the young blood of to-day, who kicks up the dust with the money his father made, and whose grandfather pioneered it in some of the frontier sections of the country, but there are enough exceptions to the octogenarian's observations to question it as the rule. The grandsires who now thrust their fingers through their silvery locks while they call up the struggles of their younger days had but few and inexpensive needs. They cleared the forests, built their homes and fed and clothed their families, had appetites for what they had to eat, went weary to bed, slept, and were refreshed, and have lived to a ripe old age. Barring the tendency to dissipation, in the present day it is a harder life the modern young man must face. Society has changed, and what was then a luxury is now regarded as the commonest necessity of life. The young man who ventures to take a partner for life must think well before he launches himself upon the sea of matrimony, for while there are instances of "love in a cottage" there is a feeling in the heart of the average maid who marries, that her lord should at once or very shortly give her a home that her neighbors would not regard particularly modest. The young man is not disposed to be behind his fellows in point of show and comfort, and his energy is spent with reckless prodigality to secure the end. Life is lived at a break-neck pace, and it is not alone the dissipated ones that drop out by the way, but men of steady habits, except as they are driven by necessity to exert themselves beyond their strength, and of these there are thousands go yearly to their graves. There are fewer grandfathers now than in the long ago, the race quickens, the grip on longevity loosens, and the aged may better prate of the sunshine side of their youthful years. J. F. S.

Puzzle Paradoxes.

If a goose weighs ten pounds and half its own weight, what is the weight of the goose?

How many days will it take to cut up a piece of cloth fifty yards long, one yard being cut off every day?

A snail climbing up a post twenty feet high ascends five feet every day and slips down four feet every night. How long will the snail take to reach the top?

A wise man having a window one yard wide and one yard high enlarged his window to twice its former size, yet it was still a yard high and a yard wide. How did he do it?

A man walks around a pole on the top of which is a monkey. As the man moves the monkey turns around the pole so as to still keep face to face with the man. When the man has gone round the pole, has he gone round the monkey or not?

Which, at any given moment, is moving forward faster, the top or the bottom of a buggy wheel?

"Sisters and brothers have I none, yet that man's father is my father's son," was spoken before a portrait. What relation was the speaker to the original of the portrait?

A train starts daily from Philadelphia to San Francisco, and one daily from San Francisco to Philadelphia, the journey lasting seven days. If you take the train to San Francisco, how many will you meet?

Rumford Yeast Powder.

Marion Harland,
the well-known authority on cooking, says: "I commend the baking preparations of Prof. Morsford to the housekeepers of America. They deserve as honorable a place in the store-room and kitchen as does his Acid Phosphate in the family medicine-chest."

Omaha wife—"Well my dear, my new dress has been sent home, those Paris shoes are perfect beauties, my new bonnet came yesterday, and as I have not had a chance to wear my new seal skin sacque yet, I think we had better go to the theatre." Husband—"All right, my dear. Get me a needle and thread and piece of cloth so I can patch up this elbow."—*Omaha World.*

A little ammonia on cotton inserted in the cavity of an aching tooth often affords instant relief.

Railroading in a Blizzard.

I talked with the engineer as I came down, and he told that the storm in Dakota was the fiercest ever known. He had seen several of the train hands as they came into St. Paul, and they gave a terrible account of the state of affairs. All freight trains had been abandoned, as it was utterly impossible to find men to man them. It is hard to see how any one could stand the exposure to which the freight brakeman are now subjected. The brakes must be put on constantly, which involves crawling along the narrow footboard on top of the cars, which are coated with ice and snow and exceedingly slippery. With the wind blowing at fifty miles an hour, and the train butting its way through the snow, it is impossible for the brakeman to maintain an upright position, and they are obliged to crawl from car to car on their hands and knees, handle the cold iron, with the thermometer 40 degrees below zero, and remain exposed to the storm for hours, as they never have time to go to the caboose. The men have no shelter beyond what they can find by clinging to the ladders between the cars, and suffer fearfully. The engineer told me that dozens of men had frozen their hands and feet, and that finally several crews had refused to work longer and had taken shelter in the caboose. It is a well known fact in the northwest that scarcely a freight brakeman works more than a year, as the experience of one winter is such as to make them prefer anything to repeating it.—*St. Louis Post Dispatch.*

Found in the Snow.

THE BARN DOOR OPENED RIGHT INTO THE HEELS OF THE OLD MARE.

From the Detroit Free Press.

"They ain' mine, and I'm going to take 'em to police headquarters," said a farmer on the market yesterday, as he bundled up several articles of clothing.

"Find 'em on the road?" asked one of the men he had been talking with.

"No, sir. Found 'em right in front of my stable door the other morning. There's a pair of mittens, a cap, an old handkerchief, a plug of tobacco and a necktie."

"How did they get there?"

"Well, I figger that a tramp opened the door and walked in to find a lodging-place. I keep the door unlocked, but never go in by it. I turned the old mare around last fall with her heels within two feet of the door."

"And what?"

"Well about the time that tramp stepped in she let go with both feet. One foot hit him just a little below the belt and the other under the chin. It was nine feet from the door to the spot where he lit. There was evidence that he pawed around for a spell, got up and fell into a wagon-box, got up again and fell out, and then he made a bee-line across the meadow for the section line road. He didn't come back for his duds, and I'll just leave 'em where they'll be safe when his memory returns and he wants 'em."

How to Treat Children.

A word about nervous children. Never scold them nor "make fun" of them. They suffer enough without your threats or sarcasm. Pretend not to see their awkwardness when in company nor their grimaces when alone. A case was reported the other day of a boy of ten years who, on being vexed, and often without any apparent provocation, will clench his hands and make the most frightful contortions of the muscles of his face and head till his poor mother fears he is idiotic. By no means. He is the brightest boy in his class at school, fond of reading and of natural history, but he is of a highly nervous temperament, and has not been taught to control the little wires, so to speak, on which he is strung. There is no single case. There are thousands of children who give way to their nerves in similar fashion. Talk to them about these curious little fellows that should be their servants, not their masters. Never whip them. The man or woman who whips a nervous child is on a level with brutes that have no reason. Encourage them. Help them. Be patient with them. They are the making of our future successful men and women, for they will work hard at whatever they undertake. Brace up your own nerves first and then be indulgent toward the capers of your over-nervous children.—*Boston Globe.*

Killed by Bedbugs.

A remarkable case of the death of a woman was reported recently from Franklin township, Beaver county, Pa. The death occurred while the woman was suffering with a violent attack of headache, to which she had been subject for nearly three years. For the past three years she had been living in an old house which was badly infested with bedbugs. Shortly after moving into it she began to be troubled with a strange type of headache, which seemed to increase in violence with each returning attack until at times she was rendered unconscious by the severe pains which she often described as resembling a heavy weight or pressure on the top of her head. The strange nature of the case and his inability to render relief aroused the attending physician's curiosity, and with the consent of the bereaved husband he cut open the skull after the woman's death. He found firmly lodged on the top of the brain in a clotted mass, a large number of bed bugs How they got there baffles all who have heard of the case. The doctor has placed his strange find in alcohol and has sent an account of the case to a medical school in New York.

We have received from the Athlophoros Co., 112 Wall St., New York, a copy of their beautiful picture, "Moorish Maid," used in advertising the Athlophoros remedies. The picture is very handsome and worthy of a place in any parlor. Copies may be obtained direct from the Company by sending six cents in stamps to pay the postage. The picture would readily sell in the art stores for fifty cents, and the company are receiving many thousand orders at this merely nominal price.

It is a pleasure to note that the sale of the Athlophoros remedies is constantly and steadily increasing, as must always be the case with every remedy that is the best of its kind, and this is the position occupied by each of the Athlophorus remedies. Athlophoros conquers rheumatism; Athlophoros Pills are a necessity in every household, while the new Athlophoros Plasters are novel in the fact as expressed by a leading chemist, "no other house would ever have thought of making so good a plaster when poor, cheap plasters are so common."

A meteoric stone weighing 42½ pounds, and resembling iron in appearance has been found on Honey creek, near Tiffin, O.

REMNANTS.

People grumble because the number 1888 is hard to write, but they should console themselves by thinking of what they would have to put down if the Arabic figures had never been invented, and we used only the Roman notation. Think of writing MDUCCLXXXVIII. —*Ex.*

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VALENTINE'S DAY A CENTURY AGO.

St. Louis Critic.

A young lady away back in the seventeenth century, in a letter to a friend, writes: "Last Friday was Valentine's Day, and the night before I got five bay leaves and pinned four of them to the four corners of my pillow and the fifth to the middle, and then, if I dreamed of my sweetheart, Betty said that we should be married before the year was out. But to make it more sure I boiled an egg hard and took out the yolk and filled it with salt, and before I went to bed ate it, shell and all without drinking or speaking after it. We also wrote our lovers' names upon bits of paper and rolled them up in clay and put them into water, and the first that rose up was to be our valentine. Would you think it? Mr. Blossom was to be my man. I lay abed and shut my eyes all the morning till he came to our house, for I would not see another man before him for all the world."

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Oh, a guilt that is unrelieved horror outweighs,
All the crimes that have blackened Time's captured course,
Can be charged to the fiend who first started the craze
Of the red-headed girl and the near-by white horse.

—*Boston Budget.*

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DEATH OF PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

David Ross Locke, "Petroleum V. Nasby," died Wednesday morning Feb. 15th at his home in Toledo, O., after suffering for many months with Brights Disease. He was editor and proprietor of the *Toledo Blade*. His letters published in that paper made him famous not only in America but in England. Mr. Locke lectured in all the Northern States, generally on political topics. His eloquent and impressive manner on the platform and his rich voice made him a great favorite with audiences.

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Prosperity is the only test that a vulgar man can pass through. If a man has anything mean in his disposition a little good luck is sure to bring it out.

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BE UP AND DOING.

Sunbury Daily.

Tell us not in mournful numbers that the town is full of gloom, for the man's a crank who slumbers in these bursting days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest and the grave is not its goal; every dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow's our destined end or way; if you have no money, borrow—buy a corner lot each day! Lives of great men all remind us we can win immortal fame; let us leave the chumps behind us, and we'll get there just the same. In this world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattle—buy a corner lot for wife! Let us, then, be up and doing, with a heart for any fate, still achieving, still pursuing, booming early, booming late.

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We do not hesitate to sts,
That 1888
Is something very choice and grs,
For ladies who desire to ms,
And when they meet their proper fs,
You bet we don't exaggers,
When boldly we asserters,
That not a woman will be 18
In gobbling up the tempting bs.

—*Washington Critic.*

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PHILANTHROPIC BLAINE.

Newburry Register.

Blaine—The luxury of one day is the necessity of the next. Let the laborer have his chew and cigar at the lowest price.

Sewing Woman.—But what about the tax on my needle and thread and (shivering) why can't I have an untaxed shawl?

Blaine.—Don't mention it, my good woman. You must be protected against the pauper labor of Europe!

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ELMIRA NEWSPAPERS BURNED OUT.

The entire building of the Elmira *Advertiser* was burned Wednesday night of last week. Nothing was saved but a few files. The bindry, composing room and editorial employes all had narrow escapes. The *Sunday Tidings* office, next door south of the *Advertiser*, was also totally destroyed.

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DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD.
BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

STATIONS.	P M	P M	NORTH. A. M.	A. M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	5 40	1 35	10 10	6 15
Cameron	5 55	.....	10 25	6 30
Chulasky	6 00	.....	10 29	6 34
Danville	6 08	1 58	10 36	6 40
Catawissa	6 25	2 14	10 53	6 58
Rupert	6 30	2 19	11 00	7 05
Bloomsburg	6 36	2 24	11 07	7 12
Espy	6 42	2 29	11 15	7 20
Lime Ridge	6 50	.....	11 22	7 27
Willow Grove	6 54	.....	11 26	7 31
Briarcreek	6 58	.....	11 30	7 35
Berwick	7 05	2 48	11 37	7 42
Beach Haven	7 11	2 54	11 44	7 49
Hick's Ferry	7 18	2 59	11 48	7 55
Shickshinny	7 30	3 09	11 58	8 06
Hunlock's	7 43	3 19	12 08	8 17
Nanticoke	7 50	3 26	12 16	8 23
Avondale	7 54	.....	12 20	8 38
Plymouth	8 00	3 35	12 25	8 33
Plymouth Junction	8 03	3 39	12 30	8 38
Kingston	8 08	3 43	12 37	8 45
Bennett	8 12	.....	12 41	8 49
Maltby	8 17	.....	12 45	8 53
Wyoming	8 22	3 52	12 50	8 58
West Pittston	8 27	3 56	12 55	9 03
Pittston	8 33	4 01	1 03	9 09
Lackawanna	8 40	.....	1 11	9 17
Taylorville	8 48	.....	1 19	9 25
Bellevue	8 54	.....	1 26	9 30
Scranton	9 00	4 22	1 30	9 35
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STATIONS.	A M	A M	SOUTH. P M	P M
SCRANTON	6 10	9 50	2 03	6 30
Bellevue	6 15	9 55	.....	6 25
Taylorville	6 20	10 00	2 14	6 30
Lackawanna	6 28	10 08	2 21	6 37
Pittston	6 36	10 16	2 28	6 45
West Pittston	6 42	10 22	2 34	6 50
Wyoming	6 47	10 27	2 39	6 55
Maltby	6 51	10 30	.....	6 59
Bennett	6 55	10 34	2 47	7 03
Kingston	6 58	10 38	2 50	7 07
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Berwick	8 07	11 37	3 51	8 20
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Espy	8 26	11 58	4 11	8 41
Bloomsburg	8 32	12 06	4 18	8 47
Rupert	8 37	12 10	4 24	8 52
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Connections at Rupert with Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for Richmond, Tamaqua, Williamsport, Sunbury, Pottsville, etc. At Northumberland with P. & R. Div. P. R. R. for Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Emporium, Warren, Corry and Erie.

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Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division, and Northern Central Railway.

TIME TABLE.

In effect FEB. 5, 1888. Trains leave Sunbury EASTWARD,

9.40 a. m., Sea Shore Express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3.15 p. m.; New York, 5.50 p. m.; Baltimore, 4.40 p. m.; Washington 8.50 p. m., connecting at Philadelphia for all Sea Shore points. Through passenger coach to Philadelphia.

1.43 p. m.—Day express daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7.25 p. m.; New York, 6.50 p. m.; Baltimore 6.45 p. m.; Washington, 7.45 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia and passenger coaches through to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

7.46 p. m.—Renovo Accommodation (daily for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.35 a. m.; New York 7.10 a. m. Baltimore, 5.15 a. m.; Washington 6.05 a. m.; Sleeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg for Philadelphia and New York. On Sundays a through sleeping car will be run; on this train from Williamsp't to Philadelphia. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7 a. m.

9.50 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Monday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.25 p. m.; New York, 11.30 a. m.; Baltimore 8.15 a. m.; Washington, 9.30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and through passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5.10 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Sunday), for Erie and all intermediate stations and Canandaigua and intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through Pullman Palace cars and passenger coaches to Erie and Rochester.

9.35—News Express (daily except Sunday) for Lock Haven and intermediate stations.

12.50 p. m.—Niagara Express (daily except Sunday) for Kane and intermediate stations and Canandaigua and principal intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls with through passenger coaches to Kane and Rochester and Parlor car to Williamsport.

5.30 p. m. Fast Line (daily except Sunday) for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Watkins and intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Renovo and Watkins.

9.30 a. m.—Sunday mail for Renovo and intermediate station

THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Sunday mail leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m Harrisburg 7.40 arriving at Sunbury 9.30 a. m. with through sleeping car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

News Express leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m. Harrisburg, 8.10 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury 9.55 a. m.

Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.30 a. m. (daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury, 12.55 p. m., with through Parlor car from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Fast Line leaves New York 9.00 a. m.; Philadelphia, 11.50 a. m.; Washington, 9.50 a. m.; Baltimore, 10.45 a. m., (daily except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 5.30 p. m., with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11.25 p. m.; Washington, 10.05 p. m.; Baltimore, 11.30 p. m., (daily except Saturday) arriving at Sunbury 5.45 p. m., with through Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia.

SUNBURY, HAZLETON & WILKESBARRE RAILROAD AND NORTH AND WEST BRANCH RAILWAY.

(Daily except sunday.)

Wilkesbarre Mail leaves Sunbury 9.55 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 10.45 a. m., Wilkes-barre 12.30 p. m.

Express East leaves Sunbury 5.35 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.26 p. m., Wilkes-barre 7.55 p. m

Sunbury Mail leaves Wilkesbarre 10.30 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 11.49 a. m., Sunbury 12.45 p. m

Express West leaves Wilkes-barre 5.05 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.39 p. m., Sunbury 6.50 p.m

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An Unfortunate Farmer.

"I s'pose you fellers ain't got no paper you want me to sign an' beat me out o' some money?" said a Dakota farmer near whose house we camped one night.

"No," I replied

"I told the old woman you didn't look hardly sharp enough to be in that style o' business," replied the observing agriculturist.

"Have you been troubled much with those kind of sharpers?" I asked.

"Well, I appear to be doin' my share o' s'portin' them. There's a churn over in the corner that cost me $50—they got me to order a dozen of 'em when I thought I was signin' a 'greement to tell the neighbors what a good churn I was. I got a $100 hay rake out to the barn on the same plan. Then I had to pay for eight lightnin' rods on my house, when I thought I only signed for one. 'Nother man et dinner here, gave me a quarter for it, and I signed a receipt that turned to be a check for $30 on my bank account. 'Nother good lookin' feller said he was collectin' authographs o' prominent men, and I shoved mine onto a blank piece o' paper, which he went and filled it out as a bill o' sale for my best hoss, and led the critter off."

"Then I made a three hoss ev'nin' that I thought up all myself one night, an' about a month after had to give a feller $15 because he said he got a patent on it 10 years ago. I got a drive well in the back yard that I have been paying $25 on 'bout twice a year. There are two notes at the bank for me to pay now that I signed when I slapped my name onto some recommendations of a mowin' machine and which the feller cut in two and made notes of. Then yesterday another cuss came along with a partition to the Legislatur' agin high taxes, and I socked my name onto it, and now I'm waiting to see whether it'll turn out a mortgage on the farm or only a common note. I'm mighty glad you fellers ain't got no scheme, because I'd be sure to go into it."

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A Pass Which Cost Too Much.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

"I thought it was economy," said a man very mournfully the other day, "for she was bent on seeing the State, and I thought it would save railroad fares, but she is simply ruining me since she got a free pass all over the place. You see, I did some little service to the railroad people and I happened to mention that my wife was going down South.

"'Here you are,' said the railroad man. 'We owe you something. Here are free passes for the State for your wife.'

"I took the blamed things home and gave them to her. They began to burn her pocket book right away.

Next morning she said: 'I guess I'll go to San Jose on my free passes.' 'All right' I said, 'it won't cost me anything.' 'No,' she said; 'isn't it lovely not to have to pay any fare?' 'Beautiful,' said I. 'Now, dear, I want you to give me $25. I really must buy some clothes to go to San Jose in.' 'Twenty-five dollars?' 'Yes. You wouldn't like your wife traveling without any style, would you?' 'Well,' I said, 'is it quite necessary for you to go to San Jose?' 'No; but I might as well. I don't need to pay anything on the train.' And at the first brake that free pass cost me $25. Well, she started off to San Jose and she concluded she would go on the broad gauge road. When the conductor came along she pulled out her pass. It was the narrow gauge road pass. She had to pay her fare. When she started to come back she concluded she'd take the narrow gauge to San Francisco, and she forgot she had a narrow gauge pass and bought her tickets. Yes, the free pass is a very economical thing for a woman."

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